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Bids to heal Iraq-Syria rift

Crown Prince Hassan awarded

HH the Amir received vesterday the visiting Moroccan Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Al Hassan at Bayan Pelace. The Amir presented the guest Kuwait's top rank Order of Merit.

Fahaheel tops with 34

Al Gais .

ndidates speak

Ali Faraj Al Shimari, 36, Imam of a mosque running for New Jahra called for extending the registration period for ten days to enable more candidates to file the

necessary papers.

In his campaign, which will start soon after the last day of registration, he willrequest a pardon of all Kuwaiti merchants "imprisoned for financial difficul-ties beyond their control." Shimari, who "studied Islamic sharia stressed on relying on Islam as the sole source of legislation and the for the problems of "the

in Rushed Al Gais. 31, running for Adailiya said that young Kuwaitis should be encouraged to take productive jobs rather

anagerial ones. "Our youth should be trained for technical jobs and industrialsation is an economic must.

Gais, manager of Adailiya co-operative society, described this stage of Kuwait's history as "sensitive." The exemployee at the National Assembly (1982) said that main negatives of the parliament were ignoring the essential issues concerning the citizens and stirring up personal

The member of the Accountant's Society added that competition in the election is not tough due to the vast differences of qualifications among candidates.

MEWSWATCH

Iran handicaps: About one in 10 Iranian infants suffer mental or physical handicap because of

mants suffer mental or physical handicap because of polittion, negligence during pregnancy and other factors, Iran's welfare chief said yesterday.

Mohammad Yanigar-Ravesh, quoted by the Iranian news agency Irna, said about 200,000 disabled infants were added to the population every year. Irna said total annual births were about two million.

Yarigar Ravesh said one third of disabled infants were born with defects while the rest developed.

were born with defects while the rest developed problems because of pollution or other factors. He cited mainutrition and drug use among expectant mothers as major causes of birth defects and estimated that six million of Iran's 55 million population were bandicapped. (Reuter)

Police arrest 16 in Egypt: Police arrested
16 alleged Musalim fundamentalist militants in
southern Egypt yesterday, continuing a crackdown
on extremists in which 15 have been shot dead and

hundreds detained. A police source who spoke on condition of anonymity saidthe 16 men detained in Beni Suif, 75 miles (121 km) south of Cairo, were members of the Jihad organisation. The same group claimed responsibility for assassinating president Anwar Sadat in

The suspects were arrested under emergency laws in effect since Sadat's death. The police source said no charges were filed. (AP)

Ethiopian rebels kill 600: Ethiopian rebels said yesterday they had killed more than 600 govern-ment troops during fighting late last month in and around the garrison town of Adi Kayeh in southern

A spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said by telephone from London that another 1,400 government troops had been taken prisoner or injured in the capture of the area in

northern Ethiopia. (Reuter) Tunisia sets election date: President Zine Al Abidie Ben Ali yesterday set June 10 as the date for local elections in Tunisia, the official news agency TAP said. (Reuter)

Iran Haj talks fail

NICOSIA, May 5, (AP): A ranking Iranian official said today that extensive mediation by other Islamic countries failed to settle the dispute between the Islamic Republic and Saudi Arabia over the number of Iranian pilgrims who should be allowed to take part in the annual Muslim

pilgrimage.

Mahdi Imam Jamarani, the elerie in charge of the
organisation for the pilgrimage and religious endowments, said Iran had stressed emphatically that pilgrims
ments, said Iran had stressed emphatically that pilgrimage. had the right todemonstrateduring the annual pilgrimage.

By Diana Abou Haidar and Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times staff

FIFTY-NINE candidates registered for the Interim National Council elections yesterday paying KD2,950 in fees. This raises the number of candidates to 258 and the total sum of fees collected to KD 13,050.

According to election law this money will be allocated to charity programmes through the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. Candidates who win 10 per cent of the votes in their constituency can reclaim the KD 50 fee.

One application was turned down Friday because the applicant was the son of a head of an election committee. Election law states that first degree relatives of heads or members ing voters cannot run for a seat in the

same constituency... Aloush Lafi Al-Mutairi withdrew from Julaib Al Shiyookb coostituency yesterday.

Fahaheel was still topping the list

in number of candidates yesterday with a total of 34. Following are the names of the

candidates who registered on the (Continued on Page 11)

Adnan undone

NEW YORK, May 5 (Reuter): Adnan Khashoggi, the wealthy Saudi financier on trial for racketeering with Imelda Marcos, finally got nd of an unwanted piece of jewellery yesterday an electronic surveillance bracelet responsible for pre-dawn

wakeup calls. "I miss it already," the tanned and smiling Saudi financier joked with reporters during a break in the tedious trial that began in Mareb. The court ordered Khashoggi.

once one of the world's wealthiest men, to begin wearing the hard plas-tic ankle bracelet after he was arraig-ned in July. The bracelet allowed authorities to monitor Khashoggi's whereabouts.

whereabouts.

Officials would call Khashoggi at all hours including 1 am, 3 am and 4 am. He would then have to slip the bracelet into a special cradic attached to a telephone. This allowed authorities at an agency called Pretrial Services to determine he was at a contain location.

certain location.

James Linn, Khashoggi's lawyer and Charles Labella, assistant US attorney, agreed that the hracelet should be removed because Khashoggi was getting pre-dawn wake up

calls prior tu a long day in court.

"It is really not fair to him to be in court all day and to he awakened in the week hours of the morning by the call," said Judge John Keenan in a meeting with lawyers yesterday.

'Captive in your eyes'

Kayahan Acar of Turkey sings his song 'Captive In Your

Eyes' during general rehearsal for the Eurovision Song

contest in Zagreb on May 4. (Reuter wirephoto)



Mubarak's visit ended 10 years of animosity with Syria over Cairo's peace moves with

Diplomats said Prince Abdullah would also visit Jordan, Iraq and Egypt to discuss the feasibility of the proposed summit later this month.

Baghdad bas offered to host the summit expected to discuss an influx of Soviet Jews to Israel and Western condemnation of Iraq over its military development programme.

At least 15 states out of the Arab League's 22 members have declared support for the summit. They do not include three of the Arab world's most influential countries, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Assad, after his talks with Mubarak, said Syria would not take part in a summit if il was beld in Baghdad and indicated that major differences still remained between Iraq and

Mubarak said he tried during his talks with Assad to reconcile Syria and Iraq but Ibis would

Saudi Arabia, a major financial supporter of Syria until 1989 when an Arab aid package to frontline states ended, has good relations with Damascus.

Assad, today said he agreed with Mubarak on quickened action to restore Syrian-Egyptian ties and compensate for that missed, adding that what has been agreed upon would not be limited to Egypt and Syria but would extend to positively influence all the Arab nation.

He indicated that the two countries were aware of the dangers posed for the uninterrupted flow of Soviet Jewish immigrants to Palestine and warned against the Zionist threat to the nation despite the good intentions showed by the Arab side to establish peace in the Middle

The Syrian president remin-ded that Syrian-Egyptian co-operation had always represented the mainstay of Arab effort which is now needed more that anytime before and concluded that the Damascus summit will rekindle bope in a more serious

and conscientious Arab endeavour. Arab League sources in Damascus said that the organisation's Secretary-General, Chadli Benjedid, plans to visit Damaseus "very soon" to persuade Assad to attend the proposed

Baghdad summit. Iraq's Foreign Minister, Tareq Aziz, told reporters Wednesday that Saddam will send emissaries to Arab capitals to deliver invitations to the summit. which Arab diplomatie sources said could be convened May 23.

Aziz also said Saddam will send an envoy to Assad, inviting him to the summit. But Assad has been quoted as saying he would not attend a summit in Baghdad before con-

sultations wilh other Arab leaders. Aziz said the Iraq-Syria feud will not be on the summit agenda. But he affirmed that Arab countries could play a role in resolving the long-running dispute.



Madonna teases

Madonne teeses the crowd with one of her exotic outfits during opening night of the North American leg of her world four in Houston, Texas on Friday (Reuter wirephoto)

Euphrates on agenda

Turkish premier in Iraq for talks

BAGHDAD, May 5, (AP): Turkish Prime Minister Yil-drim Akbulut arrived today for a three-day visit during which he will seek to settle a dispute with Iraq over the Euphrates river and seek a joint campaign against Kurdish

He was greeted at Baghdad airport by Iraq's first Deputy Prime Minister, Taha Yassin Ramadan. Akbulut, accompanied by a delegation of more than 70 businessmen, is expected to meet President Saddam Hussein and deliver a lener to him from Turkish President Turgut Ozal.

Turkish State Minister Isin Celbi said Akbulut will propose joint projects to utilise the water in the Euphrates basin to end the dispute over the Euphrates. Relations between Baghdad and Ankara soured in Jan-

uary when Turkey cut off much of the niver's flow for a month while it filled up the reservoir at the giant Attaturk dam in southeastern Anatolia province. The 1,460-mile (2,300-kilometre) Euphrates originates

in the mountains of eastern Turkey. It flows through Syria and then Iraq hefore joining the Tigris river to form the Shatt-Al-Arab waterway that flows into the Gulf.

Iraq and Syria protested that the cut-off would damage farmlands and force power cuts because the water flow to hydroelectric dams would be too lnw.

The Iraqis wail an agreement that will apportion fixed flow rates for all the states along the Euphrates. The Turks

I'm OK: Reed

Maryland, May 5. [AP): Freed hos-tage Frank Reed said today his kid-nappers "treated me line" during the last six months of his captivity and

that he was in good health.
"I'm beautiful, I'm okay," he said.

appearing in high spirits. He said he will be through his medical testing next Tuesday and probably would return to his home in Malden, Massachusetts, that same day or Wednesday "to the real celebration of suc-

cess."
"So far everything is fine," he said in an interview with the Associated Press. "Every muscle in my body is completely out of shape. When you stand up, you're going against the force of gravity. I haven't even done that very much." Reed was blindfolded and bound much of his time in captivity and lost 60 pounds (27

"I've eaten quality food but haven't had much of it," he said. Reed is undergoing medical evaluation after returning to

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Kashmir border clash: 7 killed

India uncovers Pakistani spy ring JAMMU, India, May 5, (Agencies): Seven people were Intelligence Unit | FIU) of the Pakistani army, were carrykilled today in a three-hour gun battle near the Pakistani border betwen Indian troops and Kashmiri militants fight-

ing for independence, an official spokesman said. In a related development, India said it has uncovered a Pakistani spy ring operating near the ceasefire line that divides disputed Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Five Kashmin militants, an Indian Border Security Force (BSF) medical doctor and his bodyguard were killed in the clash nutside the town of Kupwara in the Kashmir valley near the border with Pakistan. The militants were trying to sneak across the border into

Indian-ruled Kashmir, the spokesman said in Jammu, winter capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state. Indian troops arrested two Pakistani nationals yesterday on charges of operating a spy ring near the 1,400-km (870-miles) ceasefire line, the spokesman said.

The two men, who allegedly worked for the Field

ing 'vital information about Indian defence installations, Under interrogation, they revealed the names of other

alleged Pakistani spies operating in the Kashmir valley districts of Punch and Rajouri near the ceasefire line, the

Indian security forces have begun a massive manhunt for them, he said. At least 326 people have been killed since January 20

when India hegan a harsh crackdown on the swelling revolt in the strategic Himalayan state.

Security forces today renewed house-to-house searches in Srinagar after four people were killed in clashes between militants and troops in the city yesterday, police said. Indian news reports said 13 people died, but the higher death toll could not be immediately confirmed.

Manila blames Reds

Subic marine slain

OLONGAPO, Philippines, May 5. (UPI): A suspected communist gunman shot and killed a US marine sergeant outside the US-run Subic Bay naval complex, days before the start of talks on the future of American bases.

The US Navy identified the slain marine as gunnery Sgt John S. Fredette, 34 from California. He was on temporary duly at Subic Bay.

Philippine police said Fredette was killed by a single bullet in the back of his bead while he was walking at 11:30 pm yesterday in the Liberty city of Olongapo, 50 miles (80 km) northwest of Manila.

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Violence mars British soccer

Worst in a year

BOURNEMOUTH, England, May 5, (Reuter): Hooligans pelted police with stones in the southern resort of Bournemouth today in the most serious soccer violence in England for a year.

A police spokesman said 3,000 Leeds United supporters had converged on a packed stadium for their team's crucial end-of-season match against Bournemouth but were prevented from entering because they had no tickets.

tickets and stolen membership cards or by climbing over the wall, he said. Three police officers were injured when the youths stoned them. "Prior to the game a lot of ticketless fans arrived at the grounds and there were incidents, stone throwing at the police. Some arrived with the

pure intention of confronting the police, others tried to enter the grounds any way they could." the spokesman said. About 700 police officers pushed the fans away from the stadium.

where the match kicked off on time, but sporadic clashes continued in a nearby car park. Leeds won the match 1-0 to gain promotion from the Second to the

First Division of the English League. About 100 Leeds supporters had gone on a rampage last night,

setting fire to the town's pier, burning beach huts and looting shops. Nine people were injured and 16 arrested. Another seven were arrested during today's violence.

Day by day

WHY may I ask do we accept Australian sheep that have been rejected by a number of Gulf states for being diseased?

According to press reports, this has occurred on several occasions and once more, we are witness to the struggle taking place between the Livestock Transport Co. and a private firm.

In my opinion, the ideal solution is to allow the establishment of more

companies which will benefit consumers. Competition in this scenario will not only reflect in reduced prices, but poignantly reflect on quality.

If one company is permitted to distribute meat, simply because it succeeded in destroying others, the enormity of the mistake will be

realised in the future.

All said and done, we do hope that imported meat is disease-free.

Zahed Matar



Wedding kiss

Paul Hogan of 'Crocodile Dundee' fama kisses his bride and co-star Linda Koziowski yesterday at their wedding. The couple were married privately on his Possum Cleek property near Byron Bay 500 miles north of Sydney. (Reuter

Labour wins London council

LONDON, May 5, (AP): The Labour Party kept control of a London council. today, the last result declared in British local elections that saw a resounding Labour victory over Prime Minister Margaret Thateher's Conservative Party.

The 11 per cent swing against the government wasn't as bad as the near 20 points predicted by opinion polls, and some analysts said Thateher is now more secure against possible challeages to her leadership.

Sir Anthony Meyer, the Conservative lawmaker who unsuccessfully challenges to be the conservative law and the conservative l

ged ber in September, said the results of Thursday's elections clearly indicated it was time for a change at the top of the Tury Party.

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Guerrilla kills US marine

NPA rebels attack Subic Bay naval base

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OLONGAPO, Philippines, May 5, (AP): A suspected communist guerrilla fatally shot a US marine near American-run Subic Bay naval

base, officials said today. The last night attack came after authorities said they had evidence communist guerrillas planned to kill Americans before talks begin this

month on extending the hase's lease. US authorities cancelled off-base leave and non-essential travel for the 40,000 US troops, Defence Department civilians and military dependents at Subic and the five other US-run bases throughout the

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Gunnery Sgt John S. Fredette, 34, was slain in the Liberty town of Olongapo near the base, about 50 miles (80 kms) west of Manila, according to a spokesman for the Subic facility.

Fredette was assigned to marine fighter-attack squadron 323, said spokesman petty officer John Moore.

A police investigator, patrolman Romeo de Guzman, said Fredette was walking along a side street in Olongapo when one of five suspected communist New People's Army members shot him once in the neck with a handgun. The five escaped on foot after the shooting.

> Fredette was rushed to the Subic base hospital where he died one hour later, De Guzman

> Last month, the navy barred most non-essential travel to Manila hu had allowed sailors to visit Olongapo, traditionally among the safest cities in the

Philippines.

US Amhassador Nicholas
Platt expressed his "shock and sorrow at the cowardly murder" of Fredette, said US embassy spokeswoman Victoria Mid-dleton.

The incident is under investigation hy both US naval and Philippine authorities. A Filipino intelligence officer, who refused to be identified, said investigators have identified two of the assailants as rebels operating in the nearby province of

Filipino and US authorities have been concerned after local military officials reported an alleged member of the communist New People's Army assassination squad was arrested in Olongapo last week and four other members of the team are still at

Documents seized from the arrested man, Dionisioi Bendoy, indicated a plan by the insurgents to kill Americans in the city before the opening of talks on May 14 on the future of six US military facilities in the Philip-

The United States maintains the Suhic base, Clark air base and four other smaller facilities in the country under a 1947 pact that expires in September 1991. The rebels have demanded the hases be closed.

The rebels traditionally have not operated in the Olongapo area because of strong public support for the bases, Rebels do operate around Clark air base in

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central Luzon.

Ms Middleton said security
was tightened at American
facilities in Manila about two months ago because of fears of a rebel attack. Last September, guerrillas

killed two civilian employees of Camp O'Donnell, a US Air Force post near Clark. A town mayor and two aides

were killed and at least 10 others were wounded in a grenade attack at a crowded fies early today in the central Philippines, police said. The 2 am hlass at the public

square in Malay, 200 miles (360 km) south of Manila, killed mayor Roger Aguirre and his lwo police bodyguards, national police Lieut Col Teodolo public honors. Ahayata said in a radio report. Ten Others were wounded and in serious condition.

For priest's sake

Hindu damonstrators struggle with police yesterday to protest the arrest of their high priest Swami Sarupanand Saraswati. Saraswati, one of the four top clergymen of Hindu ratigion, was arrasted on May 1 for trying to march with the followers to north Indian Ayodhya town to lay the foundation stone of a controversial shrina despite Muslim protests. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sex offences in UK rise: The number of reported sex offences in London increased by more than a quarter last year, according to new figures reported in London yesierday.

The 28 per cent increase to over 5,000 offences contrasted with the previous year, when the reported crime rate was stable, the police figures showed. Violent crime increased by 10.5 per cent, while overall crime in the capital rose by eight per cent to

770,500 in the 12 months to the end of March. The figures did provide some good news, however, as muggings and bag snatches were down by 10 per

This was a result of police efforts to target street rohbery gangs, it was claimed. (Kuna)

Florio invites Gorbachev: Gov. Jim Florio invited Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to follow in the footsteps of a predecessor at a speaking

engagement at Glassboro State college.

In a letter released by the governor's office on Friday, Florio reminded Gorbachev of a summit meeting 23 years ago at Glassboro's Hollyhush man-sion between President Lyndon B. Johnson, and

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin.
The 1967 meeting focused on military and security issues. Florio asked Gorbachev to talk about

"Mr. President, May I suggest that the time has come to move beyond cultural exchanges and to consider how together our nations must begin to work to preserve something as precious as peace — our environment," says the letter, dated May 3. (AP)

Tens of thousands remember Slovak **DCFO:** Tens of thousands of people gathered on a sunny hillside yesterday to honor the co-founder of independent Czechoslovakia, Gen. Milan R.

Stefanik, 71 years after he died in a plane crash. Until communist rulers were swept out of power in last winter's peaceful revolution, Stefanik and Czechoslovakia's first president. Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, were virtually taboo figures, accorded few

Last year, there was a brief official ceremony in which a few thousand people climbed up the hillside at Bradlo, some 100kms (60 miles) north of the slovak

Nixon speaks

No hope for Democrats

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): Richard Nixon, a

veteran political prognosticator, says that only serious trouble in the economy would give Democrats a chance to recapture the White House in

And, said Nixon in a relevision interview aired last night, the Democrat who best could challenge George Bush if the economy turns sour is New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

The interview, one of a series the former President bas done this week to promote his new book, was broadcast on public television stations. Nixon said Bush is popular because of a "mistake-free administration." The Democratic opposition, be

said, is the weakest in 50 years.

Said, is the weakest in 50 years.

"Cuomo would be able to seize on the haves vs. the have-not issue more effectively than any of the other Democrats because of his appeal." Nixon said. "Cuomo has high finelligence. He has heart, or at least he appears to have, and that's what matters."

Nixoo called Cuomo a demagogue on foreign policy, a term he also applied to Richard Gephardt, the house majority leader.

capital of Bratislava, to the large monument built before World War II on the site where Stefanik's plane went down in 1919. (AP)

Cholera breaks out in refugee camp: Cholera has broken out in an overcrowded refugee camp on the Thai border, and relief officials said yesterday they are concerned it could become a disastrous epidemie.

Seven cases of cholera were confirmed this week in the giant site 2 camp, which houses some 140,000 of the more than 300,000 Cambodian refugees living along the border.

The cases were the first to be discovered since the camp was established in 1985, the officials said. They asked not to be named. (AP)

Debate on king's powers

KATHMANDU May 5 (UPI) Prominent lawyers debating Nepal's constitutional future today recommended passing laws that would limit the powers of King Birendra and transfer the sovereignty of the Himalayan

kindgom to its people.
They also asked for a one manone vote system and restructuring of electoral districts.

The king should not be an active leader. Instead, his powers should be limited and he should only be a constitutional king said the final communique prepared after 350 lawyers mer for three days. "Sovereignty should lie with the people." The experts said. King Birendra, the monarch

who has ruled Nepal for 18 years, last month was forced to allow the formation of an interim government led by the opposition Nepali Congress Party Elections are to be held within a

The multi-party interim. government is headed by Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhat-

The lawyers meeting, which included some prominent US legal experts, recommended taking away emergency powers. from the king who currently can suspend the constitution under

A state of emergency should only be imposed on the recommendation of the government after it is approved by a threefourth majority in parliament. the experts said.

The lawyers also proposed the promulgation of an interim constitution by the king to facilitate: the functioning of the interim government'. Nepal is carrently ruled by a constitution under which parliamentary powers are

warns journalists

COLOMBO, May 5, (Kuna): The Sri Lankan press council has warned Lankan press council has warned pournalists of laws which probibit writing on classified official scents.

"Commissioner of the state him Press Council; Patrick de Alvistia a bommunique to local editors said."

under the country's press council laws no person shall publish of council to be published proceedings of cause to be published, proceedings of the cabinet of ministers unless it has been approved by the secretary of the cabinet of ministers. cabinet of ministers.

The laws also specify that no per. son shall publish any matter relating to military, naval, air force and police establishments, equipment of first tallation which is likely to be prejudicial to the defence and security of the council, said the commissioner in his letter.

■ Sri Lanka is to hold the second then: regional conference of Asia on the role of Islamic da wa (call) in confroming modern challenges, later

Lankan gunmen rob tourists of clothes, money and medicine

COLOMBO, May 5, (UPI): A group of foreign tourists, many of them French. were left in their pyjamas today after they were rohbed of money, clothing and medicines at a luxury hotel in central Sri

Kuwait Int. Airport It was the second time in three weeks a Holiday Inn Hotel band of about 15 heavily armed gunmen

had taken over a hotel in the area and rohbed tourists. No one was injured and owners of the

Sigiriya village hotel, 40 miles (64 km)

from the hill town of Kandy, rushed clothing to the guests. many of whom were said to he hoping to leave Sri Lanka immediately.

He said over 15 armed men in camouflage uniforms, armed with automatic rifles, entered the hotel and rohbed the tourists and employees of their cash. jewellery and clothes around 1 am today.

The armed men ordered 70 hotel staff workers to sit in the lohby at gunpoint while they began robbing the tourists, be

30 rooms at the time of the incident. They were only left with their night clothes." he

Tourist board chairman Prema Fernando said "President Ranasinghe Premadasa has ordered a full scale inves-

"They have taken everything from the

tourists and the locals who were occupying

tigation into the incident.

A tour operator who had his clients at the hotel told United Press International

the armed men were interested in shirts: and medicines. They took the medicines from one of them. Some of them also lost their passports. The majority of the tourists were French and we have informed in French ambassador in Colombo of the CCC

"No one was injured in the incident. The hotel is only 600 yards (600 m) from the police station and there is also an air force camp in the vicinity. ^{ob}ati(



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KALAPANA, May 5, (UPI): A historic church was lifted onto a truck yesterday and driven out of the path of a boiling river of volcanie lava that has devastated a small corner of Hawaii and turned one community into a ghost town.

The fragile Star of the Sea painted church was hoisted onto the flatbed truck with a forklift and gingerly moved a half-mile (half-k) shortly after dawn to a spot near the Harry K. Brown park on the western edge of the town of Kalapana.

Officials feared the molten rock from Kilauea volcano would reach the church and destroy the small building that has hand-painted religious scenes on its walls and stained-glass windows. It has been a fixture in Kalpana for 60 years.

The volcano wrecked three more homes yesterday in the Kalapana Gardens housing area in the rural community on the southeast corner of the island of Hawan, authorities said.

Kilauca began crupting Jan 3, 1983, and has been spewing regularly the past seven years, destroying a total of 134 structures. The molten rock has inflicted an estimated \$25 million in damage to homes, other property, and roadways.

The volcano has heen especially savage this year, taking its toll on some 60 of the 134 structures in the last four months. Gov. John Waihee has declared the stricken sectors state disaster areas and is seeking federal disaster aid.

Most of the residents of Kalapana are gone from the tiny lava in 1986 in the latest eruption. The remaining dwellers have been evacuated home by home in recent weeks. Some 24 homes are still standing but the lava threatens to burn them

Electricity to the town was cut shortly before dark Thursday so crews could take down electric wires around the painted church. Workersalso eut trees in repara-

tion for the move. A fast-moving lava flow Thursday broke out from the glacier of molten rock that has all but inundated Kalapana Gardens housing area, and it headed for a store and drive in and the Kalapana congregational church in the heart of town.

But the unpredictable flow bypassed both huildings — miss-ing them by a margin of some 20 yards (20 m) — and rolled on, eventually destroying the beach road home of James Pa at 4:30 pm - the 131st structure demonshed by the volcano.

. By yesterday morning, the flow was heading toward the park, where the local civil defence command post as well as two brackish ponds are located.

Civil desence officials told reporters and other people to move out of the park, afraid the lava would hit the salty water and release steam clouds containing harmful chemicals, such as hydrochloric acid.

Hacker given probation

SYRACUSE. New York, May 5. (Reuter): A computer whiz years probation and fined \$10,000 for unleashing a 'worm' programme that infiltrated a military computer network and duplicated itself uncontrollably, freezing thousands of com-

ordered Robert Tappan Morris, 25, to perform 400 hours of com-

munity service. Morris, a former Cornell University graduate student, was convicted last January 22. He faced up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for infiltrating the Internet network used by the Department of Defence in

Morris pleaded guilty to one count of violating the computer security acl.

According to trial testimony, he dialed into a Massachusetts Institute of Technology computer system from Cornell University using a stolen password in November 1988.

launched the worm on the Internet, a national communications network used by university and government researchers. Internet contains information ranging from academic and corporate research to non-classified

programme to replicate uncontrollably, quickly clogging computers linked to the network.

London no longer No. 1 in phone boo

LONDON, May 5, (AP): The British telephone company is prepared for wide con-fusion when London's phones get new numbers tomorrow and the status-conscious will have a new way of judging who's

living in the "nght" part of lown.

The city's area code is being changed from I to 71 and 81. Phones within about 4 miles (6.5 kilometres) of Charing Cross, the city's official centre, will have TBE 71 code,

the outlying districts will be 81.

There is a school of thought that Fin-chley, Hornsey, Shepherds Bush, Hammersmith, Wembley, Putney and Tooting, among others, have been cast into some sort of outer darkness in the 81 district, where

self-esteem and property values are bound Elsie Burch Donald, author of "Debrett's etiquette and modern manners." laid down the law a year ago: "071 will be a superior number to have. Clearly there is an advantage socially, culturally, economically to be living in central Lon-

But, said real estate manager Elaine Howard of Blackheath, "we'll be 081, and nohody gives a damn. I have heard it will make a difference to the market, but so far

What seems more certain is that the new codes will confuse many callers. Londoners calling from one part of the city to another will have to consider whether their call

crosses the code line. Callers from overseas won't be able to rely on the easy-to-remember I coding, and callers from other parts of England will have to dial 071 or 081 instead of 01.

British Telecom is prepared to deal with

as many as 50,000 mis-dialled calls per min-ute, and it has prepared recorded messages in the appropriate languages to intercept international calls that come with the

With Britain enjoying a three-day weekend, the real test won't come until Tuesday The change came because London was rapidly running out of telephone numbers, largely due to the proliferation of fax calls directly rather than going through a switchboard

Although London had used only about 5 million of the 10 million numbers possible with a seven-digit system, British Telecom decided that creating new numbers by changing the area codes would be less confusing than creating new local exchanges.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: Mary Les Johnson Richards, a pharmaceutical heiress who became a major Broadway and film producer died Thursday in a Pittshurgh hospital, it was announced Friday. Richards, 63, underwent a liver

transplant two weeks ago at Presbyterian University hospital in Pittsburgh, according to a

spokesman. She was the wife of Broadway producer Marry Richards, with whom she founded the Producers Circle Co. in 1976. The company's shows have won a total of 22 Tony Awards and a Pulitzer prize and include "On the Twentleth Century," "Sweeney Todd,"
"Crimes of The Heart," "La Cage
Aux Folles," "Foxfire" and "Grand Hotel," a current Broadway musical

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin: A woman who once posed nude for Playboy magazine with her twin sister was convicted Finday of evading taxes on money she allegedly got from an elderly millionaire in exchange for sex.

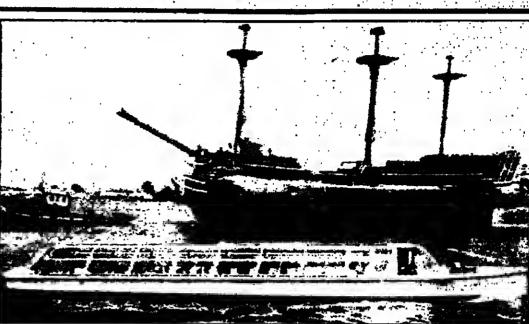
Prosecutors contended Lyanette

Harris and her sister collected more than \$1 million in cash and goods from the late David Kritzik for spending alternate nights with him.
A US district jury found Ms Harris, 35, guilty of two felony counts of tax evasion and two misdemeanour counts of failing to file income tax returns.(AP)

WASHINGTON: A 12-year odyssey is coming to an end for the oldest known drifting iceberg, which has started to break up in the south

The leeberg, which once covered over 136 square miles 1218 square kilometres), was first sighted in Since then it has drifted some

5,700 miles (9,170 kilometres). almost entirely around Antarctica, according to the joint ice centre operated by the navy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (AP)



17th-century replica

A volunteer-built replica of a 17th-century Indiaman, the 'Amsterdam,' passes a sight-seeing boat in the port of Amsterdamon May 3 as it is towed to a yard in the city centre for final work ahead of this summer's Sail 90 gala of historic sailing ships in Amsterdam, Vessels like these were operated by the Dutch East India Company, (Reutar wirephoto)

NEW YORK: Jazz guitarist Emily Remier has died of a heart attack while on tour in Australia, her publicist announced. She was 32. Remier, known for her solo guitar performances and recordings of traditional jazz, died in Sydney on Thursday at the home of friends,

said her publicist Carolyn McClair, The Guitarist died of respiratory failure due to the sudden heart attack, said McClair, adding that Remler had no known health

problems before her death. (AP)

CHICAGO: A lost plane concerto
written hy Franz Liszt 150 years ago
and performed in public for the first
time this week is being herited as time this week is being hailed as important and fascinating but in need of a re-write if the composes were still around to take it on.

"On first hearing it sounded like second-rate Liszt in a first-rate performance," said John Von Rhein music critic for the Chicago

The 15-minute work in E flat major entitled opes Posthamous was premiered on Thursday night by Canadian soloist Janina Fialkowska with the Chicago Symphony. (Reuter)

WASHINGTON: Census workers who began their door-to-door count in 110 large cities last month expand that effort yesterday to include smaller cities and towns.

The door-to-door count started April 26. The remaining 374 census districts were added to the programme yesterday, according to bureau spokesman Ray Bancroft. Only about 63 per cent of the nauou's households have returned census forms mailed in late March. The hureau had hoped for a 70 per cent response and the shortfall will raise the price of the count by millions of dollars because of the

expanded door-to-door effort. The national count every 10 years is required by the constitution for use in reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives. The figures also are used to apportion seats in state legislatures and divide hundreds of hillions of dollars in federal and state aid.

Minority groups say past counts have missed more poor and minorities than whites and higher income people. (AP)

Boy's leg saved by surgery

NEW YORK, May 5, IAP): A 7-year-old boy who faced amputation of his leg because of a congenital defect will likely regain full use of the limb following a complicated bone graft and leg-stretching process, his surgeon said Friday.

Josh Ellison, who underwent eight hours of surgery on Tuesday, was recovering at the hospital for special surgery in Manhattan after the second half of the two-part process was completed, Dr Andrew Weiland end

"He's a tough little kid. He's doing great, doing just fine," said Weiland, surgeon chief at the hospital. "He should end up with a fairly normal,

"He's amazing," the boy's mother, Kate Ellison, said from his bospital room. "It's already hard to keep him down. He wants to get out and do whatever."
The Cabool, Missouri, boy was

born with congenital pseudarthrosis in the left leg — a localisation of the disease which afflicted the elephant man. The ailment caused his left tibia, or shin bone, to bend rather than grow straight.

When he was 8 months old, he suffered a fractured leg because of the

illness and underwent several unsuccessful operations in Missouri. His right leg was 3 1-2 inches (8.9 cen-timetres) longer than his left before this most recent treatment began in Fehruary.

Josh was brought to New York in February to begin the first phase of treatment, to lengthen the leg. Every day for two months, Mrs Elisson turned three dials surgically attached

to her son's leg to stretch it out.

The device lengthened his leg hy
one millimetre per day, and when
Josh arrived for the surgery on Tuesday the legs were almost the same length, Weiland said. Doctors took a bone from his right leg and implanted it where the diseased bone had been.

was sentenced yesterday to three

Judge Howard Munson also

From that hookup, Morris

military information. But an error caused the

If you can afford it **Mansions up for**

Winner's smile

sale in Newport

Twanty-year-old Mozambique-born Carla Caldaira smiles after being crowned

'Miss Portugal 1990' at the Estorif Casino oulsida Lisbon on Saturday. (Reuter

NEW PORT, Rhode Island, May 5. (AP): Thinking of buying a place to get away to on those hot summer weekends? How about a replica of an 18th century French chateau or the mansion that once belonged to famed author Edith Wharton?

"There are some wonderful opportunities — if you can afford it," said Rohin Corbin, owner of the Real Estate Agency Private properties. Newport's Bellevue Avenue, known as millionaires row, has at least three homes for sale and more than a dozen condominiums. Other castle-like homes are listed in some of the less visible, but perhaps more opulent, neighbourhoods of this high-society city that once hosted the America's cup and is home to the Tennis Hall of Fame.

Jacqueline Cranwell of Gustave J. S White Real Estate, an affiliate of Sothehy's International Reality, said there is nothing unusual about the number of Newport spreads listed. "All the houses we have on the market are on for various reasons, nothing to

do with money problems," Cranwell said. But there is some evidence to the contrary. A four-bedroom, brick Carriage house on 1.25 acres (half a hectare) was listed for seven months at \$2.8 million and sold only after the price was lowered

to \$1.3 million, Cranwell said.

The Rhode Island Association of Realtors said the northeast has been the hardest hit area in a nation-wide slump. In the first quarter, Rhode Island home sales declined 8.5 per cent from the same period last year.

In Newport, the median price for a single-family home dropped to \$140,000, compared to \$159,000 a year ago.

If you've got the money, the choices are impressive.

Believue avenue's Vernon Court, built in 1900 to resemble a French chateau, is one of Newport's grandest homes. The asking price? \$2.6 million.

The 16 bedroom home sits on 3 acres (1.21 hectares), and comes with a swimming pool that is larger than most living rooms, two tennis courts and a garden copied from the ones Henry VIII built for Ann Boylen at Hampton Court, Cranwell said.

Also up for sale is Lands End on ledge road. It was built around 1870 and American novelist Edith Wharton bought the home about 20 years later. Wharton renovated the home with architect Ogden Codman, with whom she wrote the book, "On the Decoration of Houses," one of the first on interior design, Corhin said.

The Stucco, Waterfront home has 10 bedrooms and 5.5 acres (2.22 hectares), and is listed for \$2.7 million.

In all, Newport has about 200 mansions in private ownership today, said a spokeswoman for the Newport Preservation Society who would not give her

At the turn of the century there were about 400 18th - and 19th - century mansions in Newport, but many have been lost due to acts of man and nature, the spokeswoman said.

Neil Bush agrees to testify

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): Neil Bush, the president's son said yester-day he had agreed to testify before the House of Representatives bank-ing committee about the failure of a Colorado thrift on whose board he

The panel, chaired by Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, is looking into the December 1988 collapse of Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association of Denver.

The connections among Silverado and other failed savings and loans are being examined, including Charles

H. Keating Jr's Lincoln Savings and Loan Association and the junk bond operation of former Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. financier Michael Milken.

The committee has scheduled two hearings. Thrift regulators are expec-ted to testify May 22, while Bush and other Silverado board members are scheduled to appear May 23.

"I have agreed to participate and will continue to co-operate with Congress, the office of thrift supervision and any other agencies involved," Bush said in a stalment released through his attorney's office.



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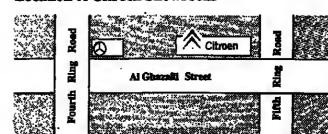
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Colombian cops slay seven

BOGOTA, May 5. (Reuter): Colom-hian police said they sho! dead the treasurer of Medellin cocaine cartel boss Pablo Escobar and six others on Friday in a raid on an investment

company.

The seven died in a shootout when members of the crack police Elise Corps raided offices in Medcllin, headquarters of the feared drug cartel, searching for Oscar Ospina Mon-

toya, police said.

Occupants opened fire on them and they fired back, killing Ospina and six others, police said. One of the dead had a murder conviction, they added, and two people were

The police said Ospina, 40, was in charge of handling the funds of Escobar and Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, the Medellin cartel's military leader shot dead by police in December, and was responsible for terrorist acts. Ospina was wanted for murder and for illegal possession of weapons, they said.

The police said one officer was wounded and they seized a grenade, revolvers, a sub-machine-gun and a shotgun.

Local radio said bodies were strewn on the third and fourth floors of the office block in Medellin, 250 km

the office block in Medellin, 250 km (160 miles) northwest of Bogota.

The Medellin cartel and the state have waged a bloody war since the government cracked down on the drug trade in August.

The violence surged again in April and police were the main target. Ten Elite Corps members died in two car bomb blasts in Medellin and around bomb blasts in Medellin and around 30 policemen have been shot dead in

the past month. The government sent thousands of troops and police to the Medellin area to try to capture Escobar, Raid on fugitive drug dealer

'No US hand in Gacha's death'

WASHINGTON, May 5, (UPI): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney denied a report yesterday that US military forces were involved in the December air assault in Colombia that led to the death of fugitive

druglord Jose Gonzalo Rndriguez Gacha. The Long Island, N.Y.-based Newsday newspaper reported Friday that a small US special operations team planned and carried out the raid with an elite Columbian police unit.

The newspaper cited a congressional source who was briefed on the mission and an unidentified special operations officer familiar with the raid.

"Nope," Cheney said, when asked if the report were true. "We're in Colombia to support the coun-ter-narcotics programme (through training)... I have no evidence that our people were involved in an

operational role.
"I've pulled the strings as far as I can, and there's no evidence that any of our people were involved in

The Newsday report came one day after President Bush also denied US involvement in the attempt to capture Rodriguez Gacha, one of the leaders of the infamous Medellin drug cartel.

A reporter asked Bush Thursday whether US for-

ces have been involved in missions such as searches for the cartel leaders. No. Inside Colombia? Be more specific, please,

and I'll try to help you," Bush replied.

The reporter then began to ask whether the US military played a role in Rodriguez Gacha's death, when Bush cut in, "No. US troops in Colombia? No. That's the answer. Next. Or do you have a follow

The point was not raised again at the news con-Newsday said three other defence sources and a house aide "confirmed that at least three US military personnel took part in the helicopter assault."

Colombia's most-wanted drug baron, whom they accuse of directing

The national news agency Col-prensa reported that Escobar narrowly escaped capture recently, flee-ing from a secret hideout near the Guatape Dam, 190 km (125 miles) northwest of Bogota, as police prepared an operation to arrest him.

Meanwhile, a car-bomh explosion that killed four people overnight may have been the opening volley in a bloody new war between rival drug cartels seeking a greater share of the world cocaine market, officials said

The bomh — about 200 pounds (90 kgs) of dynamite packed inside a Renauli automobile — exploded

Thursday night in front of the La Rebaja supermarket in the city of Cali, 200 miles (320 km) southwest of Bogota, killing a 3-year-old boy and three adults.

At least 24 others were wounded in the hlast, which destroyed the super-market and severely damaged 20

ther husinesses and seven bomes. The La Rebaja chain of supermarkets and drug stores are owned hy Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, head of the Cali cartel of cocaine traffickers, who began a war in 1988 and 1989 with the rival Medellin car-

"One can think initially that this has to do with an act perpetrated hy groups linked to the Medellin cartel, especially if we think of what hap-

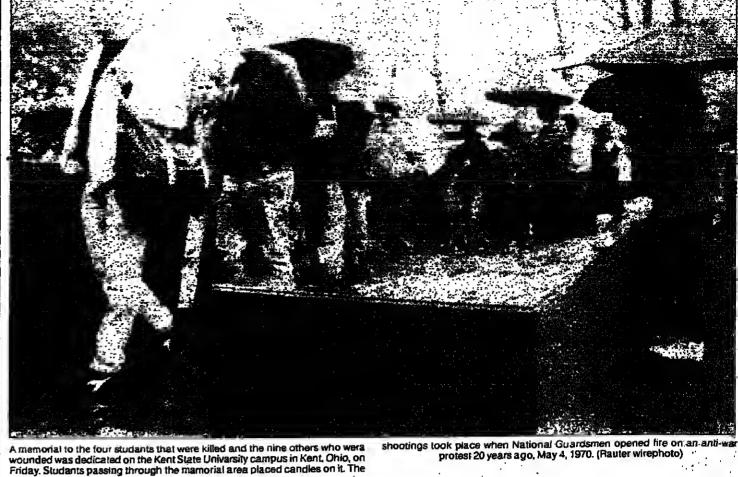
pened in the same sense last year." said Cali police commander Rodriguez Millon Bautista. The La Rebaja stores became the

target of numerous bombings when the war erupted on Jan 13, 1988, sparked by the Cali cartel's attempt to assassinate Medellin kingpin Pablo Escobar.
The assassination attempt was

triggered by Escobar's bid to move in on Rodriguez Orejuela's operations in New York, officials said. The war included numerous assassinations

bombings and attempts by the two
kingpins to have each other killed.

"The (possibility of a new war) is
not being dismissed," said Raul
Caicedo, secretary of the Cali municipal government.



Students death marked

20th anniversary of Kent state killings

KENT, Ohio, May 5, (AP): Thrusands gathered solemnly in the rain yesterday to hear calls for peace and reconciliation at the dedication uf a memorial to four students killed in an anti-war protest 20 years ago at Kent State University.

'We do appreciate what has been done and who did it," said Florence Schroeder, mother of Bill Schroeder, one of the four students killed by Ohio national guardsmen on May 4, 1970.

Mrs. Schroeder said she was convinced the death of her son and three other students helped to shorten the Vietnam war by increasing public opposition to American involvement in it,

Celestesaid. "It's time to turn the tragedy at Kent state of May 4, 1970, into a calling to peacemak-

\$100,000 granite memorial is the most amhitious attempt by the university to commemorate the dead and wounded. But about 200 student activists who wanted a larger memorial built and more student involvement in its planning waged a silent protest march dur-

ing the dedication. The protesting students stood near the white tent, where ceremony participants spoke. Some of the students held up their arms, fists clenched or displaying the peace sign, and many others held up handmade signs reading "Whose May 4th is it anyway?" and "don'l minimise student death."

ocopie altended a candieligh ceremony to mark the deaths of Schroeder, Jeffrey Miller, Sandy Scheuer and Allison Krause. Nine other people were wounded in the shootings.

Thursday evening, some 2,000

Former Sen. George McGovern, keynote speaker al the dedication, called the shootings "the most tragic episode in American foreign policy history.

The 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, who ran unsuccessfully against thenpresident Richard Nixon, said before the ceremony that the Kent state shootings and the death of two Jackson State University students in Mississippi 10 days later helped fucus public attention on the war and opposition to it. He said the deaths tnuched "a common note

At the dedication, McGnvern called for US reconciliation with

'The war in Vietnam is unfinished," he said. "The killing has stopped but the arrogance that produced it survives and so does the agnry, the guilt and the

marked unly by a gravestone-size slab erected in 1971 in a corner of a parking los where the tragedy occurred.

ted continuing political divisions over an event that brought the Vietnam war home.

an unprovoked act of state violence; others said unpatriotic protesters had finally gotten what was coming to them, although many of the victims were

To mark the anniversary of the shootings, a 12-hour candlelight vigil, an annual tradition, began

He absolutely did not die in vain," Mrs. Schroeder said at a news Despite a steady rain, some 4,000 gathered for the midday dedica-

tion, according to a crowd estimate by Kent state police chief John

Peace. Many Kent state students were nut even born when the killings Gov. Richard Celeste said the 1970 shootings should serve as a

source of learning rather than as a focus of bitterness. To those who suffered from that tragedy 20 years ago, I am sorry,

Mexicans linked to Camarena slaying

LOS ANGELES, May 5, (UPI): Three former high-level Mexican officials, including a former head of the federal police, discussed ways to deal with US drug agent Enrique Camarena, who was later kidnapped and slain in Mexico, US prosecutors

In a pretrial hrief released Thurs-day, federal prosecutors alleged Manuel Iharra Herrera, former director of the Mexican federal judicial police, was among 10 men who met in Guadalajara in October 1984 to discuss an agent with the US Drug Enforcement Administration who "was causing significant

"The group agreed that something would have to be done about him," said the court document, which was filed Tuesday.

Prosecutors alleged that Javier Garcia Paniagua, former secretary of state under President Jose Lopez Portillo, was present at a later meeting. Garcia, a past director of Mexico's federal police, was the president party, the Partido Revolucionario Institucional, or PRI, in 1985. He currently serves as Mexico City's police chief.

The document also charged Miguel Aldana Ibarra, the former director of Interpol in Mexico, was present at meetings to discuss ways to deal with the troublesome DEA

The trial ruemorandum was filed by US attorocys Manuel Medrano and John Carlton in preparation for a major trial involving four suspects indicted in connection with Camarena's 1985 torture-slaying.

Camarena, who worked under-cover for the DEA, angered Mexican drug kingpins when he tipped authorities to the presence of vast marijuana fields in the Mexican

The resulting raid by authorities cost drug traffickers hillions of dollars in lost street sales.

A top Mexican law enforcement official has temporarily stepped down from his post pending an investigation into his possible involvement in the abduction of a Mexican doctor indicted in the murder of a US drug agent, the govern-ment newspaper El Nacional said

yesterday.

It said Pahlo Aleman Diaz, head of the federal judicial police, had "momentarily ceased to carry out his functions" until a report by the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is released on the abduction of Dr Humberto Alvarez Machain.

Skulls found

been found in caves near a guerrilla camp high in the Andes mountains, military sources said yesterday.

Many of the unidentified skulls

belonged to people who died violently within the past two years, according to a medical examiner who accompanied an army patrol to the

The skulls and other human bones were found last month by a civil defence group searching for Maoist Shining Path rebels. Near the caves — 14,200 feet (4,600 metres) above sea level and 20 miles (30 kilometres) north of this Andean city - the group found 200 sticks of dynamite, medicine, knives, and rehel ргораganda.

A military patrol from Ayacucho, 235 miles (375 kilometres) southeast of Lima, went to investigate the group's findings. The patrol, accompanied by an Associated Press repor-ter, returned to Ayacucho yesterday.

President meets commander Nicaragua Presidant Violata Chamorro meets with Contra commander Israel Galeano, known by his nom-de-guarre

Comandante Franklin on Friday. Chamorro and Contra leaders will negotiate the security guarantees tha rabels say thay need before they will lay down their arms. (Reuter wirephoto)

Contra rebels sign agreement a state

Disarming by June 10

MANAGUA, May 5, (Reuter): Contra rebel leaders signed an accord today with Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro in which they agreed to begin handing over their weapons to United Nations forces on Tuesday.

The accord, read to a news conference hy Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando Y Bravo, was signed after 16 hours of negotiations over Contra demands that the new gover-nment give them economic help and guarantee their personal security once they lay down their arms. "There is now a fixed date and we

are disposed to comply," rebel military leader tsrael Galeano said. The US-backed rebels fought for eight years against the country's left-ist Sandinista government which lost to Chamorro in February elections.

In an agreement signed last month, the Contras said they would begin disarming on April 25 disarming on April 25 — Chamorro's inauguration date and end the process by June 10. But the disarmament was stalled because

of the rebels' security concerns. United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar sharply criticised the rebels on Thursday for not beginning to disarm on time. Saturday's accord restated the

previous agreement that rehels grouped in five internationally supervised security zones inside Nicaragua be fully disarmed by June An organisation of American

States (OAS) official at the talks said more than 9,000 rebels are now in the zones with more expected to arrive In returo for the Contra agreement

government troops out of the security zones and disarming all

The government also agreed to announce on June 10 a programme for the reduction of the country's armed forces, a promise Chamorro made during her electoral campaign. Once the Contras are disarmed the

government will give legal recogni-tion to any political group the former rebels might form, the accord said. Asked if the Contras would form a political party, Galeano said only: Everyting is possible in life."

The government will also set aside settlement areas for the former rebels where they and their families will be provided housing and other econ-omic assistance, the accord added. Nicaragua's monetary unit the cordoba, suffered a further devaluation Friday, dropping from 140,000 cordobas to the dollar 10 170,000 on

the so-called parallel rate. It was the second devaluation since the government of President Violeta Chamorro Ionk office April 25. The move was a forecast for harder times ahead for the Nicaraguan people, who have seen prices on many consumer items double in the past week.

Labour groups have staged mass protests this week in Managua and throughout the country, asking for wage increases to match the skyrocketing prices on everything from

gasoline to toilet paper.
On Thursday, the United States signed an agreement with the Chamorro government to provide Nicaragua \$12.3 million in immediate food aid to belp tie the country over until domestic produc-

Cubain of alert

HAVANA, May 5, (Reuter): Cuba was in a state of military alert yesterday, mobilising heavy tanks, artiflery and advanced MiG-29 lighters to counter what Cuban commanders said was the possibility of a US attack.

Four scalor generals appeared in succession on the main midday television news to give details of a nationwide defence exercise — "Cuban Shield" — launched in response to US military manoeuvres in the Caribbean that Cuba save are aimed against it.

"We've intensified our combat preparations," air force General Ruben Martinez Puentes said. He added the United States would not catch Cubs by surprise if it did attack. Cuban TV showed flights vesterday by Soviet MiG-29 fighters of the Cuban airforce near Havana, man-

ocurres in eastern Cuba by heavy T-54 tanks and night-time drills by female anti-aircraft crews outside the capital. State television, radio and newspapers carried extensive reports of the exercise, which involves the country's eastern, central and western armies.

militia and reservists. All military leave has been cancelled. The nationwide military alert is in response to three major US military exercise — "Global Shield," "Ocean Venture" and "Defex" — being held simultaneously in the Caribbean and involving the US naval base at Guan-tanamo Bay in easters Cuba. Havana says the manoeuvres could be raid an

attempted US assault on the island... The US State Department denied the exercises were plans for an attack

Cuba's Communist Party daily Graums said the island would never be

of humanity.

Vietnam and the re-establishment of diplomatic ties.

Until now, the shootings were

The lack of a memorial reflec-

Some viewed the shootings as

bystanders rather than activists.

at midnight on the campus of 23,000 students.

HENS IN BRIEF

Woman convicted: David Letterman helped convict a woman who hroke into his home after she was released from prison for one of five earlier break-ins there

earner oreas inere.

The comedian, host of the National Broadcasting Company's NBC's
"Late Night with David Letterman," told superior court judge Lawrence
L. Hauser on Monday that he saw Margaret Ray's alhouette in the
hallway of his new Canaan home early March 19. That's when I first became aware of her on this planet." Letterman

Hauser found Ray, 37, guilty and ordered her to Niantic state prison to serve a one-year term; the maximum penalty for the misdemeanour charge against her, first-degree criminal trespass. Ray. of Colorado, was released from Nianuc two days before her March 19 arrest, having completed seven months of a nine-month sentence she received for hreaking into Letterman's house last August.

Proposed statue sparks uproar: The borough of Manhattan's president is in no sentimental mood about a proposed statue in which jazz great Duke Ellington and his piano are held aloft hy naked

Monday to cancel city funds for the monument at the northeast corner of

Central Park. We think we can find a better use for the \$450,000," said Messinger's spokesman Andrew Breslau, who also called the statue "aesthetically suspect." Dinkins said Tuesday the city actually planned to spend only \$100,000 for installation. The rest is for improvements to a traffic island

\$100,000 for instantation. The real is lot map to the where the statue would be displayed.

"The current sculpture is the third version by Robert Graham. I don't know if this is the final one," he said. (AP) Compulsory community service: Bethlehem has become the latest US city to require high school students to perform community

service in order to graduate The school board voted 6-3 Monday to require the class of 1994 to perform 60 hours of community service after school, on weekends and in



Hope at Berlin Wall

Bob Hope thrust his hand Finday through one of the many holes in the Berlin Wall, shook hands with two bewildered Easl German border guards and said: "Nice to meel you fellows." Tha veteran Amarican antertainer, wearing a red baseball cep, met tha guards

on a visit to the Wall while on a tour to entertain US servicamen. "A year ago I didn't think we would be doing this," he said in reference to the triendly meeting with border guards and the changes produced by the end of

communist rula in East Garmany.
Jusi yards away from the sport where Hope stood was a cross where refugee
Pater Fechier bled to death in 1962, a year altar tha Wall was built on the East-West Berlin border to hall the mass flight of East Germans.

Hope recalled that when ha first visited Berlin In 1945 aftar the war II was in ruins. He said the reconstruction in West Berlin was impressive. He elso recalled his trip to Berlin during tha Soviet 1948-1949 blockade, Ha ffew to the city 110 miles inside East Germany on one of Anglo-American afriift planes that enabled the city to survive tha blockade.

"I had arrived in Wieshadan with (tha late composer) Irving Berlin and flew on to Bartin In a transport plane earrying coal," he said, "It was some trip, Hell you."

Noriega lawyers assets

judge yesterday, ordered prosecutors to come up with a complete list of \$20 million in assels scized from Manuel Noriega, saying some of that money must have come from the deposed Panamanian ruler's

During an hour-long hearing prompted by defence attorneys' request lo withdraw from the case, lead defence attorney Frank Rubino claimed that US intelligence agencies paid \$11 million to Nuriega, with another \$6 million coming from foreign governments.

"I don't know if you can call money from the CIA tainted or not, but it's certainly not drug money," said Rubino.

US District Judge William M.
Hoeveler said while Noriega clearly could not use "ill-gotten gains" to pay his attorneys, the government could not arbitrarily seize money without proving he had earned it through drug trafficking or other illegal means.

Defence attorneys have demanded the fruzen accounts he released, saying they can no longer afford to represent Noriega in the complex and expensive case without being paid.

Ruhinn may have been paid \$1 million or mure and says it is under no obligation to turn over drug-tainted funds to the jailed suspect. The judge ubserved that Nuriega had been a military

nfficer for more than 20 years and said he must have acquired some money legitimately. "It is all the more important, of course, because of who is being prosecuted," the judge said. "And

we have got to recognise that our justice system is on display." Hoeveler tentatively set a hearing for the government and the defence to discuss the confiscated assets.

Assistant US Attorney Michael Sullivan said the government did not object to such a list. But he said all the accounts, except one, were in foreign banks.

"Foreign governments will

have some interest (in the money)

and their laws will prevail over those assets," Sullivan said. Defence attorney for two weeks tried unsuccessfully to negotiate with the US attorney's office to release mnney befure deciding

Monday to file a motion to with-

draw from the case.

Rubinn said the government already has spent \$12 million and was prepared to spend \$25 million more prosecuting his client. The attorney said the defence has the right to use Noriega's funds to hire more attorneys, investigators

to begin the disarmament, Chamorro agreed to guarantee the tion rises and until arrival of the \$300 caught by surprise by a US attack and million aid package proposed by would make Washington pay dearly for every drop of Cuban blood spilt. physical security of the Contra fight-2 US soldiers charged of killing Panamanian woman

WASHINGTON, May 5, (UPI): The army disclosed it has filed murder charges against two more US soldiers who participated in the United States invasion of Panama last December, a published

report said today. Sgt. Paul Finsel Jr. 25, of Arkoma, Oklahoma, and PFC. Mark McMonagle, 20, of Philadelphia, were charged with murder stemming from the Jan 25 shooting of a Panamanian woman in a brothel, the Washington Post reported.

The dead woman was identified as Leila Diaz de Panay, 50, said Maj. L.D. Walker, an army spokes-man at Fort Ord, Califoroia, where the two soldiers

were attached to the 7th light infantry division.

The soldiers also were accused of mishandling their firearms and of disobeying orders prohibiting "sexual contact" with Panamanian women and prohibiting the use of alcohol during the

case, hui said the two would be tried this summer.

a US soldier in connection with the Panama invasion. First Sgt. Roberto Enrique Bryan. 42 was charged with killing a Panamanian man follows:

owing a Dec 23 grenade attack on a US checkpoint

The army last month brought its first case against

deployment, the report said.

The army spokesman did not elaborate on the

that wounded two American soldiers, the report

Bryan's case is being reviewed by army officials at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The army is trying to determine if Bryan, a 19-year army veteran.

should be court martialed. The post reported Bryan's lawyer, Mark Waple, did not believe his client would be recommended for

court martial. Waple said Bryan acted within the rules of an engagement for the Panama invasion, which allowed US soldiers to fire when fired upon or when they believed their lives were endangered.

fails to solve issues

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5 (Reuter): Thirty years after the hirth control pill revolutiooised the sex lives of million, medical experts and consumers complain the revolution still has a loog way

More women — 14 millioo in the United States and 60 million world-wide - use the pill than any other reversible method of contraception. Its long-term health risks are mostly confined to womeo over 35 who smoke and there are iodications it may help prevent ovarian cancer.

The pill was the higgest breakthrough for giving women cootrol over their reproductive lives of anything that came along until legalised abortion," said Louise Tyrer, vice-president of

planned parenthood.

Tyrer and other family plan-olog professionals met io San Francisco this weekend for a contraception conference beld only coincidentally with the pill's 30th birthday.

The sexual revolution, born oo May 9, 1960, when the US Food and Drug Administration approved the pill, has failed in the United States, if judged hy the one to three million unwanted pregnancies and 1.5 millioo ahortions which occur every year, health professionals say.

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There is a crying oced for better cootraception and the government has turned its back," said David Grimes, university of southern California epidemiologisI and chairman of the weekend conference.

A federal panel reported in Fehruary that available contraceptive methods are 'not wellsuited to the religious, social, ecocomic or health circumstan-

ces of many Americans,'
The panel blamed half of the annual abortions on contracep-tive failure. It also said the United States lags behind other countries in available contraception methods.

Congresswomen Olympia Snow of Maine and Palrieia Schroeder of Colorado have introduced a bill which would seek additional federal funding of \$75 million for contraceolioo and infertility research. A similar hill is peoding in the Senate.

Women in Finland, Sweden and 134 other countries are using norplant, which is implanted under the skin of the arm and is supposed to prevent pregnancy for five years. But norplant can cause bleeding between menstrual periods.

The population council in New York, which sponsored tests of the drug io this country, expects norplant Io be approved hy the FDA. An iojectable drug, depo-provera, which is supposed to prevent pregnancy for three months, is used around the globe but has not woo approval to the United States because, opponents claim, it has not been tested sufficieotly.

Ortho, manufacturer of the birth cootrol pill, is the only American company and one of three world-wide doing contraceptive research. An Ortho official said the company spends aboot \$140 millioo developing. research for testing a new drug before it reaches the market.

\$1m art stolen

NEW YORK, May 5, (AP): Detectives are searching for more than \$1 million worth of stolen artworks. including Egyptian and Roman antiquities, still missing despite the arrest of three suspects in the robbery

of a gallery.
Four ski-masked bandits shattered the thick plate glass window of the Nahan Galleries in Manhattan's Soho district early Thorsday, said Sgt. Dominic Rippillino of the Safe, Loft and Truck Squad, which investigates and their safe said.

tigates art theft. They got away with as many as 40 pieces, including ancient Egyptian vases and religions figures, and Roman glass treasures from the second and third centuries BC. Three etchings by Max Papart, a 79-year-old cootemporary of Pahlo Picasso, were also taken in their frames, police

"They survived 3,000 years, hut they didn't survive New York, that's the worst part of it," said Sherri Nahan, one of the owners of the private gallery, which offers works for sale. She valued the works at more

than \$1 million. Nahan worried that the fragile

antiquities, which measured as small as 3 inches (7.6 cms) to as large as 12 inches (30 cms), might have been irreparably damaged. -. Putting them in a box and subjec-

ting them 10 a 90-mile (144-kms)-anhour car chase, it's as bad as I can think of handling them," she said.

A team of detectives on a stakeout nearby heard a report of the robbery and chased the burglars through Manhattan and into the borough of Brooklyn at speeds up to 90 miles an hour, but lost the thieves.

The pill Bat house mania throughout US, Europe

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): First, it was batman fever. Now, it's bat house mania.

Thousands of oblong-shaped, bottomless bat roosts are popping up on tree branches, house walls and garden poles throughout the United States. The craze has also spread to Europe, where three or four of the structures can be seen on one tree trunk.

These wooden structures provide partitions and perches so that buts can hang out with some measure of privacy during the daylight hours.

But when the sun sets and the mosquito swarms invade the tranquility of the night, the bat patrols swoop mto action. One brown bat, the most common species to the United States, can gobble 500 mosquitos un hour, according to bat conservation international (BCI). Even

an ultraviolet mosquito trap can't better that average.

BCI, a non-profu group based in Austin, Texas,
battles the extinction of bats around the world and debunks commonly held fears about the warm-blooded

Warm weather activity

computer that performs as well

as a commonly used US super-computer — but costs 10,000

In a study published in the

journal Nature, a team headed

hy Toshikazu Ehisuzaki of

Tokyo University said its new

computer, which uses very large

scale integratioo chips, cao

operate at a speed of about 120

millioo calculations per second,

That performance "is com-parable to the Cray XMP-1 at a

cost 10,000 times lower," the

Officials with Cray Research

Inc. of Minocapolis said they had

oo comment on the report, hut

noted performance often fails

when attempts are made to mass-

produce devices that appear

promising in the laboratory. The

Cray XMP-1 is the second-fas-

test Cray supercomputer oo the

market, and is 10 times slower

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researchers wrote.

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.WASHINGTON, May 5, (UPI): Japanese work, Colin Upstill of Plessey Research in Romsey, they have built a new scientific England, said he expects the

to US Cray

A painter takes advantaga of the warm weathar to paint a boating scena in London's Regent Park on Friday. The warm

grape approach, and similar

efforts in the United States and

elsewhere, could be adapted for

many other types of scientific computation that require vast

But Upstill said he considers

the oew approach "neither

ioserior oor superior to either

general-purpose computers or

reconfigurable parallel com-

implementation and general applicability for cost/perfor-

mance io different ways," he

said, noting that in comparison

to software, it would he

extremely costly to "dehug" or

remove an error in hardware like

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from grape, which uses what

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long-range forces, like gravity.
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more computer power," the

By itself, grape only offers astronomers the power to work

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stars - far from a realistic

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average-size galaxy alone con-

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work in parallel, boosting the

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researchers wrote.

The Japanese team cites fluid

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computer power.

the grape chip.

"Most people still believe bats are blind flying mice that spread disease, such blood from your neck and get

caught in women's hair," said Gary Graham, associate

"Wrong, on all counts." Bats are more closely related to humans than to mice, only about one-third of 1 per cent are vampire bats, and those all live in Latin America and bother cows, Graham

Bats can see quite well. But to help them fly in the dark, they have a sonar system that emits high-nitched sounds and then listens for the echo to direct them to insects, "The system is so sophisticated they don't hump

into women's heads, "Graham said.

As for carrying disease, only 15 people in the United States and Canada are known to have died in the past 40 years of rabies transmitted by bats, far fewer than die annually from sick dogs or other pets, BCl says. For the past four or five years, BCl has been selling

about 10,000 bat houses a year. And this year, commercial suppliers have also gotten in on the game.
Gardener's supply, a vermoot-based catalogue house, advertised pine-made bat houses in its January catalogue for the first time. "They're selling very well," about 300

in three months, said Steve Kovarie, a buyer with the

The average-size bat house can hold as many as 30 female bats at a time.

'The males like their space" so that only about six will congregate in a bachelor bat house at one time, but they t houses inhabited by females, Kovarie said. For best results, experts suggest placing your bat house about 15 to 25 feet (4.5 to 7.5 metres) above the

ground, facing the morning sun — bats like temperatures of 80 to 100 degress Fahrenheit (27 to 38 Celsius) — and near a source of water. Don't get impatient or insulted. It could take a year or more for your bat house to attract its first occupants. Bats find their houses just like birds do, especially if your

neighbourhood lacks natural roosts which bats prefer such as caves or hollowed-out three trunks. Also, bats may only stay for a short while and then take off to roost elsewhere. Bats migrate seasonally and radar has tracked them as high as 10,000 feet (3,000 metres] at a cruising speed of about 30 miles (19 kms) per

mammals — usually one pup per year. Fortunately, conservationists say, they live to be 20. Nonetheless, the world's bat population has declined drasucally in recent years because of acts of vandalism and hunting of the animals in some countries.

The destruction endangers fragile ecosystems that rely on bats for pollination and pest control. A recent BCI study identified 300 plant species in the tropics that rely

Bat houses, which cost about \$25, are an organic way of cutting down oo hugs and a conversation piece as well,

Squatters are no problem: because the bat houses have no bottom, birds, squirrels and other animals can't stay.

And how can you tell if bats hive in your neighbourhood? Simple, either watch street lamps at night to see if bats are chasing moths and mosquitos attracted by the light. Or, buy yourself a bat detector that picks up the critters' echolocation signals. The device is battery-operated.

Bright light therapy BOSTON, May 5, (UPI): Exposing people to bright light can reset their biological clocks in such a way that shift workers can adapt more easily to working at night and sleeping during the day, scientists said Wednes-

Dr Charles Czeisler said he found putting people in front of bright indoor lights for four days and keeping them in darkness while they slept could shift their clocks so they were

early-morning hours.
Numerous studies have found that many people who have to work when most others sleep cannot adjust to the schedule, even after years on the job,

Czeisler said,
"People have tried many different things to stay alert at night, including drinking coffee and taking stimulants. But research indicates that more than half of night shift wurkers fall asleep ur feel sleepy on the joh," said Czeisler, of Harvard University medical school and Brigham and Women's Hospital in

In a study involving eight healthy young men, Czeisler and colleagues had half of them sit in front of bright indnor lights for four days from mid-night to nearly 8 am, while the other half sat in normal lighting.

During what Czeisler called their "nights of work," the men in each group were asked to compute mathematical equations and carry out other tasks designed to gauge bow alert they were. Those in the treatment group sat in

front of lights that were as hright as sunlight just after dawn and went home to sleep in rooms that had windows covered with material that blocked out light, Czeisler said.

The men in the comparison group spent their nights in a normally ligh-ted office and slept to rooms that had window shades or curtains, but no

MEDICAL FILE

Alzheimer's drug fails: A drug that had raised hopes of offering the first effective treatment for Alzheimer's disease appeared ineffective

in a new Canadian study.

Daily doses of the oral drug Tha, given in combination with the natural compound lecithin, did not significantly benefit Alzheimer's patients who were given it over a two-month period, researchers reported Wednesday in the New England Jnurnal of Medicine.

Dr Serge Gauthier and colleagues at McGill University in Montreal said tests of Tha — tetrahydroamininoacridine — conducted with 52 people suffering from Alzheimer's did not produce any marked

improvements in their conditions. The researchers said they could not show that the patients received any "significant clinical benefit" from receiving a daily combination of Tha and lecithin, an animal tissue found in egg yolks, bile and blood.

Alzheimer's disease, a devastating brain disorder that affects millions of Americans and kills thousands, in a gradual, irreversible erosion of

brain cells that control thought and memory.

Victims usually begin with difficulty remembering simple things and regress to an infant-like state, needing round-the-clock attention. They setimes become violent.

Earlier circumcision the best: Parents who want their sons circumcised should have the operation performed sbortly after birth to avoid the increased risk and expense of performing it later, a US report released on Friday in Chicago said.

Most US male infants are circumcised within the first two or three days

of birth using a local anaesthesia in the doctor's office.

But if the operation is performed after a few months it requires a more nisky operating room procedure using general anaesthesia, and can cost

around \$1,000, wrote doctors at the Utah school of medicine in the American Academy of Paediatrics' medical journal. Scott Williams, who researched 111 such cases of delayed circumcision, said many parents were influenced by physicians not to perform the operation, but later changed their minds. (Reuter)

special material to block out light

during the day. Measurements of the men's alertness, body temperatures, and hormones after four nights showed those exposed to the hright lights had adjusted to their aftered schedules

while the others did not. Czeisler and

colleagues reported in the New England Journal of Medicine. In the men who received the light

treatment "we were able to achieve complete physiological adjustment, and that is the first time that I know of that this has been achieved."

Global Aids up by 7pc

GENEVA, May 5, (AP): Nearly 17,000 new cases of Ards were registered during April, nearly 7.16 per cent raising the number of victims reported world-wide in 254,078, the World Health Organisation said yes-

The United States reported 126,127 cases of the deadly disease, nearly half the official international total and up from 124, 182 at the end

In a new report to WHO, Uganda said 12,444 Aids cases had occurred by the end of last December. This compared with 7,375 in April 1989.
The updated figures meant that
Uganda replaced its Central African
neighbour Zaire as the second worst affected country world-wide, Zaire reported 11,732 cases by the end of January.

Malawi registered 7,160 victims, a rise of 4,574 since it last notified the UN health agency of the spread of the disease in June 1988.

In South America, Brazil reported the highest total. It registered 10,510 cases as of March, up from 9,555 last

The statistics were listed in WHO's weekly epidemiological recurd. They cover only victims of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and not people infected with the Human immunodeficiency virus, HIV, that leads to full-blown Aids.

Officials at the Geneva-based agency say the published statistics do not reflect the true extent of the disease as many cases, especially in Africa, are not reported.

WHO experts have said it is possi-hie the real number of Aids cases reached 600,000 by the end of last year, including 300,000 fatalities. The agency has warned that 6 million cases may have occured by the turn of the century.

Oue or more cases of Aids - tiny hilltop San Marino on Italy's Adriatic coast reported one case as did Tonga, Brunei, Montserrat, British Virgin Islands and Comoros far have been reported by 153 of the 167 who member sates.

Because of the high incidence of the disease in the United States, the Americas as of April 30, accounted for 153,720 of the reported and thus the known certain total of 254,078.

Eastern Europe reported very few cases — just 26 in the Soviet Union, seven in Bulgaria, 23, in Cze-choslovakia, 19 in East Germany, 34 in Hungary, 35 in Poland, 74 in Romania (sald by WHO officials to be far lower than believed.



Thinking of school or university fees?

Seminar being held on Monday, 7th May at the Holiday Inn 7:00 pm. For further information call Off. — 4732100 ext. 410.

temperatures which are being experienced are making outdoor activities extremely popular. (Reutar wirephoto) bury a gamble'

casualty ST. REGIS INDIAN RESERVA-TION, New York, May 5, (AP): Singawks travelling in a cortege of bullet-pocked cars yesterday buried an Indian killed in a factional battle over

gambling on their reservation.

In other developments, one faction claimed to have deposed the tribal government in the Canadian sector of the St. Regis Indian Reservation, which straddles the US-Canadian borders.

A federal mediation effort was beefed up, and New York Gov. Mario Chomo proposed creation of a internal police force for the reservation, which is largely unhindered by outside authority. Many Indians say the land is exempt from state and federal law.

Factions on the reservation have been battling for weeks over the future of casino gambling and bingo on the reservation. New York state and Canadian police moved in Tuesday to res-tore order after a clash that killed two Mohawks, one on each side of the

The warring factions laid aside their differences yesterday long enough for the church funeral of gambling oppon-ent Matthew Pyke, 22, who was shot research areas that might benefit dead in a crosstire Tuesday on the 'pipelioe" structure to simulate Canadian side of the reservation.

> Reporters were given rare access to the reservation to watch some 500 mourners walking in tows seven-to-10 wide, holding hands. The cortege was led by 40 Mohawks wearing clan beads, embroidered shirts and other traditional Indian dress.

The procession began on the US side of the reservation and ended at St. Regis Catholic church on the Can-adian side. Mohawks harred reporters from crossing the border to the church. A woman in the front row carried a d picture of Pyke, while mostners at the rear of the procession sang "Give Peace a Chance," the anti-war song by the late John Lennon.

A procession of about a dozen cars followed, some bearing the scars of the gambling violence. One was missing all its windows except the windshield because the others had been shattered

by guafire.
"We're potting aside our anger for the day," said Eddie Gray, who walked in the procession. "It's a day for mourning."
Four hours after Pyke was killed,

the body of gambling supporter Harold Edwards Jr., 32, was found near the same spot. No arrests have been made in the killings. Memebers of the pro-gambling

warrior society, a self-appointed reservation security force, said they observed two hours of silence in hon-our of Pyke, though he worked on the opposing side in the gambling dispute.

When the telescope is up and running, it will be that computer that sends the sophisticated science data. Tafero executed for killing officers

STARKE, Florida, May 5, (AP): A man who murdered two police officers 14 years ago was put to death Friday hy three jolts in the electric chair that produced flames, sparks and smoke from his masked head.

Hubble wobble gone

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): A slight wouble detected in the Hubble

space telescope has disappeared, engineers said yesterday.
"We are not seeing anything of that right now," said Mike Harrington,

who is directing the months-long checkout of the telescope. "We are not

Harrington had good news to report: Ground controllers received

their first data from the telescope's science computer after sending

Jessie Joseph Tafero's lawyer described the execution as "torture" and Florida Gov. Boh Martinez immediately requested an investigation of the technical problems in carrying out the sentence. Talero, 43, condemned for the shooting deaths of high-

way patrol trooper Phillip Black and visiting Canadian constable Donald Irwin, died at 7:13 am at Florida state prison near Starke.

In a 1984 interview, Tafero likened himself and Sonya Jacobs, his girlfriend and co-defendant, to a "modern-day Bonnie and Clyde." They were denied permission to marry after both were condemned to die. When a black-hooded executioner turned the switch for

the first time at 7:07 am (1207 GMT), flames rose 6 inches (15 cms) from the hood covering Tafero's face and scalp. The executioner then interrupted the standard two-min-

ute, 2,000-voh electrical cycle, and prison officials later determined a wet sponge on Tafero's head caught fire, said State Corrections Department spokesman Bob MacMa-

Prison superintendent Tom Barton, who usually shows no emotions in the clinical atmosphere of Florida execurions, had a pained look on his face.



Talk and hand shake

South African President F.W. da Klerk (right) and African National Congress (ANC) Deputy-President Nelson Mendela shake hends on Friday efter addressing a news conference at the conclusion of three days of talks between the South African government and the ANC. (Reuter wirephoto)

Arap Moi rejects multi-party system

NAIROBI, May 5, (AP): President Daniel Arap Moi and his party have lashed out at a US diplomat and other advocates of a multi-party sys-

tem for Kenya.
In a speech at a fund-raising ceremony yesterday, Moisaid Kenya was not politically mature enough for a multi-party system. Such a sys-tem, he said, would lead to tribal conflicts, an argument used by many of Africa's leaders in defence of one-

party rule. Then Moi made what appeared 10 be a threat to restrict the movements of US Ambassador Smith Hemp-stone, who has publicly suggested that abolishment of one-party rule would bring greater democracy to Kenya and result in a better invest-

ment climate.

Although he did not mention Hempstone by name, Moi noted that all foreign embassy personnel are allowed to travel freely throughout Kenya and said he "would not like to" restrict those movements.

While Moi did not specifically mention Hempstone, his ruling party issued a simultaneous statement naming the ambassador and declar-

ing:
"We assert as we have always
done, that national interest must for Kenya is a sovereign state, a fact not be compromised at any cost."

Hempstone, a former editor and eolumnist for the conservative Washington Times, has been a very visible and outspoken presence in Kenya since his arrival late last year. The debate over Kenya's political

system was ignited three weeks ago when an Anglican Bishop, Henry Okullu, called for ending the oneparty system and limiting presidents

to two four-year terms.

Moi has served unchallenged for 10 years. His ruling Kenya African National Union has dominated politics since independence from great Britain in 1963. A 1982 constitutional amendment made it Ken-

ya's only legal party.
Since Okuliu's call, a number of other critics of Kenya's governmen have taken up the call. Their demands for change have been extensively reported by Nairobi's three English-language newspapers.

Liberian rebels kidnap workers

WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): Liberian rebels have kidnapped a US Peace Corps volunteer and two European relief workers after the group entered Liberia from Guinea, the State Department said yesterday.

The account was based on information provided by a Guinean who also was abducted Tuesday with the others, but was released after a brief detention.

The Guinean told Peace Corps officials in Guinea that his three companions were in satisfactory condition and had not been mistreated.

Healso said the rebels promised to release the three, probably in the Ivory Coast or Guinea, but they did not say when they would be freed.

The two Europeans are a Belgian and a German who work for a French relief group, Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Bor-

In Paris, a spokesman for Medecins Sans Frontieres, Marc Gastellu-Epchjorry, said the missing men were US Peace Corps worker David Kelley; Ludovic Pichrist, a logistics expert from MSF's Belgian section; and Werner Will of West

Bushmen left in Namibia starving

WINDHOEK, May 5, (AP): The Namibian government says it has sent emergency food supplies to forfamilies who were left behind when the South African defence force with-

The South African Defence Force and foreign affairs departments refused to make any comment yesterday on the allegations by the Namibian health minister that the South Africans had promised to take care of the bushmen, but had ehan-

Peace talks

JOHANNESBURG, May 5, (Agencies): Preliminary talks between the government and the African National Congress have won widespread support, but a militant black group said today it doubted the two sides

The announcement won immediate praise from most quarters, but

"I don't see how the ANC and the government can share power," said Zeph Mothopeng, president of the Pan Africanists.

includes the black majority, Mothopengtold a Johanneshurg news conference.

Meanwhile, the Citizen, a pro-

government newspaper, said "the best way to sum up the talks is: so far, so good." "But there is a long way to go

ple can pledge their loyalty, is reached," the newspaper said.

in London today, said: "I think the way things have gone has exceeded our highest hopes."

President F.W. de Klerk and

and its ehief opponent following their first official encounter.

Political enalysts say both the PAC, increasingly popular among hlack township youths, and the CP, the main parliamen-tary opposition, would have to be party to any eventual political settlement if it is 10 have a chance



Militants cast doubt

talks yesterday, announcing a joint effort to end the country's "climate of violence" and pledging to work toward a new constitution that would end white domination.

the militant Pan Africanist Congress said it saw pitfalls ahead.

"Negotiations can only take place after an election" that

before the destination, a new South Africa, to which all its peo-

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, winner of the nobel peace prize for his opposition to apartheid, ealled the talks epoch-making." Tutu, who was

ANC leader Nelson Mandela. appearing at a joint news conference last evening, said the preliminary discussions were an important step toward normalising political activity and sharing

The ultra-rightist white supremacist Conservative Party (CP) dismissed as 'pious talk', a commitment to ending violence announced by the government



could share power.

The government and the ANC completed three days of preliminary

CAPE TOWN, May 5, (AP): Here is a list of the major issues facing government and the African National Congress after three days of talks ended Friday.

reiterated its commitment to work toward lifting it. The ANC committed itself to work for stability.

Political prisoners: A joint working group was established to agree on definitions and mechanisms for release of pulitical prisoners and granting of immunity for politically-inspired criminal offenses. Non-violent politically-related crimes will

gency: The government

receive immediate attention. ■ Violence: Both sides committed themselves to working together to end the climate of violence and intimidation "from whatever quarter." The ANC will take a hard look at its guerrilla campaign in the spirit of the communique. Efficient channels of communication will be opened between the government and the

ANC to curb violence. Security legislation: The government said it will bring its security legislation into line with the new situation developing in South Africa.

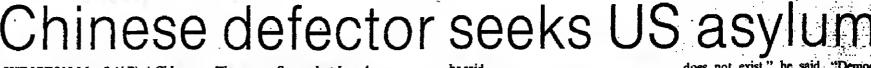
Return of exiles: The govenmeni will consider urgently gran-ting temporary immunity from prosecution to all ANC executive members and certain others outside the country, so that they can return to help control violence and establish normal political activity.

Troops in hlack townships; No

announcement was made on the their removal, but other black groups and individuals believe they help quell factional fighting.

Mothopeng told a Johanneshurg news conference the PAC would not suspend its own guerrilla campaign and would only take part in negotiations when the transfer to blacks of the white-owned majority of South African land was on the agenda "We will not go to any talks to discuss, but to make sure (PAC demands) are effected," said Mothopeng.

In Johannesburg, police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse 100 former policemen and prison warders preparing to march to police headquarters to protest against racism in the police force and prison



WASHINGTON, May 5, (AP): A Chinese diplomat announced yesterday that he has defected and is seeking political asylum in the United States, saying he was being recalled to China and feared arrest because of his support of the democracy

movement.
Xu Lin, 33, a third secretary whose duties involved dealing with Chinese students in the United States, said he was the fifth person connected with the Chinese embassy here to defect since the crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in

China

Dissident

emerges

BEIJING, May 5. (UPI): A tiny underground group led by dis-sidents from last year's pro-

democracy protests emerged yes-

terday on the anniversary of a

famed student movement to

demand political reform in China

and the fall of the "generals run-ning the country."

The government marked the

71st anniversary of the "May 4th

movement" by deploying dozens of police and a water cannon truck

to cordon off central Tiananmen

Square, the centre of last year's student-led demonstrations.

The square's closing, used

repeatedly by authorities this spr-

ing to avert renewed protest, was

ostensibly for ceremonies welcoming the visiting leader of Mongulia's Parliament, and for a youth even later in the day.

The underground group, calling itself the mainland democratic

compatriots committee, amoun-

ced its goals in a statement to

foreign news agencies. Its exis-

tence was confirmed in an

interview with one of the organ-

The announcement brought to

three the number of dissident cells

confirmed in Beijing, although others are believed to exist. Some

have published leaflets renewing demands for democratic change.

Each group numbers only a handful. They claim larger num-

bers of sympathisers, saying the

sweeping crackdown after the

pro-democracy movement was

crushed last June has cowed the

population.
"China is politically unstable

compatriots committee said in its

Goal

citizens who want a strong and

properous China, and to struggle

to bring down these generals run-

ning the country," it said, an

earent reference to sen

leader Deng Xiaoping and

President Yang Shangkun. The student organiser, 2 21-

vear-old active in the Tiananmen

Square occupation last spring,

said his group had only five organ-

ising members but was seeking

"We do not want to overthrow

communism," he said. "We want

reform, we want change. We are

The announcement coincided

with the marking of the May 4th movement, a 1919 student cam-

paign that began as a protest against China's weakness at the

hands of foreign colonial powers but turned to demands for

democracy and modernisation.

Last May 4, students led hun-

dreds of thousands of people into

the streets of Beijing in one of the

biggest demonstrations of the six

weeks of protests before the army

opened fire June 3-4. The city and

its campases were reported quiet

Friday.
Although May 4th is recognised

by the government, officials kent

its commemoration low-key,

sponsoring seminars at colleges

and running editorials in the press stressing patriotism and ideology.

spiritual contribution of the May 4th movement," trumpeted the

Communist Party newspaper,

People's Daily. "To carry on the spirit of patriotism is to be devoted

to the cause of socialism and

socialist modernisation of the

"Patriotism is the richest

patriots. We love our country.

"Our goal is to unite with all

and econo

brief statement.

broader support.

mically in decline," the

isers, a known student activist.

group

Tiananmen Square last June 4. Xu has a wife and daughter. He said he

would not disclose their whereabouts out of concern for their safety. The diplomat said he left the embassy

Wednesday night. He said he was assigned to Washington for a four-year tour of duty in July, 1988. In March, he said, he was told that this was being shortened to two years.

"Many democracy activists in China now are being persecuted and arrested, and my situation would not be different,

He said he has supported the student movement by helping students in the United States renew their passports and avoiding reporting to authorities on their

He said his application for asylum was

"in process." "Since June, 1989, one year after my arrival, China has stepped hackwards into tragedy and totalitarian repression," Xu

"Today, the opportunity for reform

reforms are rejected by the government.

Liu Yongchuan, president of the Independent Federation of Chinese Students and Scholars, welcomed the diplomat's defection.
"His defection is to demonstrate that he

has totally lost confidence in the current Chinese government, and that he can no longer tolerate to serve his regime," Liu said. "We believe that Mr Xu's action." represents the wish of the majority of Chinese government officials."

Prime Minister Li Peng (right) welcomes Mongolian President P. Ochirbat at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Friday. The Mongolian leader errived in Beijing for the first top-level talks between the two countries in 28 years. (Reuter

Ochirbat in China

Lectures on stability

BELIING, May 5, (Reuter): Chinese Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin lectured Mongolia's visiting president on the need for stability while prodemocracy demonstrators continued noisy profests

in the Mongolian capital Ulan Bator today.

"We are paying great attention to the changes in Mongolia," Jiang told President Punsalmaagiyn Ochirhat, in a elear reference to the democracy movement which has swept Mongolia and won significant concessions from the ruling Communist

In the northern town of Moron, 17 opposition activists entered the second week of a hunger strike to press demands for the freedom to demonstrate and

faster democratic reforms. Opposition sources said six of them were weak and in hospital. Several hundred people left work to support them and Sanjasuren Zorig, leader of the main opposition group, the Mongolian Democratic Association, went to Moron from Ulan Bator

In contrast with China where communist veterans led by senior leader Deng Xiaoping used the army to erush prodemocracy protests, Mongolia's movement for change has been peaceful and won a pledge of free parliamentary elections in July.

Jiang, appointed China's party leader after his reformist predecessor was ousted last June, told Ochirbat of the importance of stability.

"To develop the economy needs stability. If there is turmoil then the economy eannot develop. Moreover the whole country's fate will be in danger," he was quoted as saying on Chinese state radio.

Following China's stated foreign policy of not interfering in other countries' affairs, Jiang said he was confident the ruling Mongolian Revolutionary Party which was held power for nearly 70 years would handle the situation properly.

Talks between the government and the Mongolian Democratic Association continued today in

The opposition has demanded that an interim broader-based Parliament be established before elections and that the Communist Party withdraw the offices of its politburo from Parliament

radio hroadcasts. Goddess of Democracy

of a national crisis.

Ochirbat, 47, is the most senior Mongolian leader

to visit neighbouring China in 28 years. He left his

capital yesterday despite calls by newly-founded opposition parties for him to delay his visit because

In Ulan Bator, residents said about 400 demonstrators staged a sitdown protest today for the

second day in the city's main square, their shouts competing against 20 loudspeakers blaring state

Docking denied

TAIPEI, May 5. (UPI): The dissident radio ship Goddess of Democracy will apply to dock in Taiwan after having been rejected by Hong Kong authorities, organizers said today.

Xu Tianfang, deputy director of the Boat for Democracy Organiza-

tion, said the Taiwan branch of an international shipping company had agreed to serve as the boat's agent and will apply to the Ministry of Communications to allow it to dock in Keelung harbour in northern

"The boat is an international media project and Taiwan has no reason to reject it," Xu said. "If it did, it would cause a scandal. The French crew and one Taiwan reporter travelled such a long distance. It is an issue of

The radio ship, which is backed by the Paris-based Chinese dissident group, Federation for a Democratic China, set sail for Asia March 17 from France and arrived Wednesday in Singapore to take on fuel, food

Kaifu assures Asia of support

On last leg of tour

JAKARTA, May 5, (UPI): Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu assured his Asian hosts that Japanese aid and investment will not be diverted to Eastern Europe, his spokesman said

"Attention has been directed too much to Europe, in partieular Eastern Europe, and Mr. Kaifu came to impress upon the Asian people that Japan attaches importance to its relationship with Asia and the Asean countries," spokesman Shigeo Takanaka said.

SouthEast Asian Nations, comprises the non-communist countries of Indonesia. Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Developing countries in Asia,

Asean, or the Association of

Africa and Latin America have been voicing fears that Japanese and Western aid is being diverted to eastern Europe at their expense

Kaifu met today with Indonesia's President Suharto, the

final meeting of his nine-day, At a press conference after his

five-nation Asian tour.

Cambodian peace talks held in Paris and Jakarta, which ended inconclusively. Kaifu agreed to host the Tokyo talks at the request of Thailand, a develop-

Norodom Sihanouk.

he wanted facts to back up com-

plaints by Indonesian activists

that parts of Japanese aid lead to

"We want to be seen as a res-

Japan will announce its 1990

aid package to Indonesia in June.

Japan has agreed to a package of

\$1.8 hillion, but a further

"special assistance" component

remains undecided, Kaifu said.

Last year, Japan gave Indon-esia \$2.3 billion.

The two leaders discussed

potential solutions to the 11-year

Cambodian conflict, and Kaifu

said Suharto supports Japanese

efforts to end the civil war by

hosting the Tokyo meeting in late

May between Cambodian Prime

Minister leader Hun Sen and res-

istance coalition leader Prince

Indonesia was co-mediator in

ponsible partner instead of being

seen as the economic animal,

environmental destruction.

Kaifu told reporters.

Khmer political strength growing

BANGKOK, May 5, (Reuter): Many Cambodians still have nightmares about it and much of the world abhors it. But even the Phnom Penh government says it must come to terms with the Khmer Rouge if there is to be peace in Cambodia.

Prime Minister Hun Sen, who has long insisted the radical communist movement had forfeited any right to power, has made several conciliatory statements in the past week.

That attests to the Khmer Rouge's continued military power and growing political strength more than a decade after a Vietnamese invasion ended its four-year reign of terror, Western diplomats in Bangkok said.

"Phnom Penh's enthusiasm for peace-making will reflect its view of the Khmer Rouge's military strength", said one diplomat.

A series of peace talks in the past year have foundered on the question of the Khmer Rouge's

past and future.

Under a plan for the United Nations to supervise elections: they want individual roles in a provisional national council for themselves and their two non: communist partners in i guerrilla alliance backed by China and the West.

The Vietnamese-installer. Phnom Penh government agree :only to a two-way split.

However, after meeting Thaofficials in the beach resort c Pattaya on Tuesday, Hun Se said: "It is true that a settlemer requires the participation of the Khmer Rouge. We must let there into the system.

A European Parliamen delegation returning fror Phnom Penh a few days earlie said Hun Sen told them th Khmer Rouge could take part r the council and as a party r

Hun Sen was himself a Khme Rouge commander until hindefected in 1978, three years ag into a rule in which Pol Pot tur. ned Camhodia into a gian. lahour camp where hundreds net thousands died through hunger exhaustion or murder.

Concede He still insists Pol Pot and other old guard leaders canno --return and that the Khme: Rouge must concede it commit: ted genocide, rather than, as the '. put it, made mistakes.

The Khmer Rouge, with a least 25,000 fighters armed, fo and clothed by China, contro the mountains of southwes Cambodia. Smaller units ar increasingly active in centra Kompong Thom province nort . of the capital.

Western diplomats said that since the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodi in September the Khmer Roughas been capable of capturing main town like Stemreap or Bat tambang.

It chooses not to, apparentl because of the military cost o. defending them and the upros any spectacular gains woulprovoke in the West. Instead they are concentration.

on huilding grassroots politica support, portraying their fight a one against a Vietnamese t colonise Cambodia.

"The Khmer Rouge are elex tioneering. Their main priority not fighting," said one diploma "Phnom Penh must be awar

that time is not on its side. Th longer a settlement takes, th more the Khmer Rouge gain, said another.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk. frequent critic of the Khme Rouge although its ally for 2 years, believes it could win a sig nificant percentage of the vote

ment which left out Indonesia. Refugees flee Cambodia fighting

BANGKOK, May 5. (AP): Thousands of refugees have fled recent fighting between guerrillas and government forces in northwestern Cambodia, relief officials said

More than 10.000 Cambodians arrived at guerrilla-controlled refugee camps on the Thai-Cambodian border during April, said aid officials in the Thai frontier town of Aranyaprathet. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The nificial Phnom Penh radio of Cambodia's communist government has said 37,000 refugees had just returned from the border to government-held parts of Cambodia's northwestern province of Banteay Meachey. It did not say exactly when they returned.

A transcript of the report seen in Bangkok today said th Cambodian government would give the refugees 2,50 hectares (6,000 acres) of farmland to ease their return.

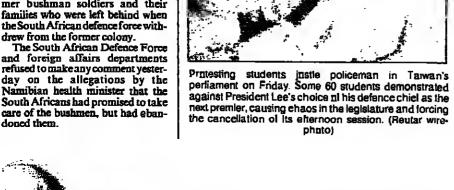
was not clear from the report if the refugees had previous lived in refugee camps or in villages in the northwest.

The aid officials said there was no sign of an exodus from any of the refugee camps in Thailand, which are joint administered by the United Nations.

Since last September there has been heavy fightin hetween government forces and guerrillas in the northwe

The start of the rainy season this month is expected thring another round of major guerrilla attacks.





Lee decision protested Hau named as premier

TAIPEI, May 5, (UPI): Opposition politicians and students have protested against President Lee Teng-hui's decision to designate Defence Chief Gen. Hau Pei-

Tsun as new prime minister in the new government to be inaugurated May 20. Presidential press secretary Chiao Jenho said Lee offered the defence minister the post as part of a general cahinet shakeup to follow the president's inauguration.

afternoon, Lee said he chose Hau "after considering carefully the current demands of political stability, constitutional reform and social stability." The announcement triggered an outcry from students and the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, which immediately asked Lee to retract his eboice

and threatened to boycott review of the

In an interview with legislators in the

central government hudget and other bills pending in the legislature. Some 60 college students gathered at the

legislative Yuan building in Taipei Thurs-day to protest the president's decision after renewing a sit-down protest at the Chiang-Kai-shek memorial hall Wednesday even-

In Merch, thousands of students staged a six-day demonstration at the blue-andwhite hall to demand constitutional reform and greater democracy. They finally disbanded after President Lee met with student representatives and agreed to implement reforms.

Chang Chun-hsiung, secretary-general of the DPP, said, "we don't think Hau was the proper choice. We're worried that the general will try to be a military strongman and that the boneymoon between him and President Lee won't last long."

He said all of the DPP's members in the legislature, which is required to give final approval to the nomination, would oppose Hau's candidacy.



Bush gestures during a speech at Oklahoma State Univarsity commencement exercise May 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

Nuclear arms vital to protect Europe

Bush speaks at Oklahoma State University

STILLWATER, Oklahoma, May 5, (AP): President George Bush said yesterday that nuclear weapons must play a key role in safeguarding Europe from war, declaring: There are few lessons so clear in history as

While offering an advanced timetable for negotiating with Moscow on reducing Short-Range Nuclear arms, Bush said "the United States is not going to allow Europe to become 'safe for conventional

Bush, discussing the changing face of Europe during a commencement speech at Oklahoma State University, hailed the sweep of democracy through Warsaw Pact

However, he cautioned, "our enemy today is uncertainty and instability."

Bush said, "it will be crucial to see ... whether Moscow chooses coercion or peaceful dialogue in responding to the aspirations of the Lithuanian people and nationalities within the Soviet Union."

Bush's remarks were intended to offer the outlines of a new military and political mission for Nato as Europe is transformed by the reunification of Germany and the collapse of communist governments.

Leaders of the 16 Nato nations will meet in Loodon in late June or early July to

chart a revised strategy for the 41-year-old

Bush said the allies should accelerate work to determine "the minimum number and types of weapons that will be needed to deter war, credibly and effectively."

He said Moscow and Washington should open negotiations to reduce Short-Range Nuclear missiles in Europe once a treaty is signed - perhaps later this year to curh troops and conventional arms.

Originally, Bush had insisted that a conventional arms treaty not only be signed but also implemented before talks could begin on Short-Range Nuclear forces. However, Bush said that as the Soviet systems of the shortest range. Acting on Bush's suggestion, Nato scrapped plans Thursday to deploy more powerful Sbort-Range lance Nuclear mis-

Union pulls back troops from Warsaw

Pact nations, there is less need for nuclear

siles and artillery shells in Europe. Even so. the United States and Soviet Union will still maintain sizcable Short-Range Nuclear arsenals in Europe.

"We're prepared to negotiate the reduc-tion of these forces as well," the president. Yet, Bush said he did not want to leave Europe vulnerable to conventional war-

Soviets tougher control

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LONDON, May 5, (AP): Defence Secretary Tom King said today there has been an "indisputable stiffening" of the Soviet attitude towards arms

"There are reports that the armed forces are exerting greater influence and are not happy about some of the developments that bave taken place," he said in a radio interview.

"I think there have been signs in recent weeks that the Soviet Union is taking a tongher line on arms control," he told the BBC. "There has been an indisputa-

ble stiffening in recent weeks. Quite clearly the Soviet Union is going through a very difficult time, a time of real tension and strain and quite clearly the armed forces are worried about some of

the implications of that," be said. "I am going to Moscow in a week's time and I'm going to be very interested to see what the attitudes are ... (and) what evidence there is of this." King added. The Ministry of Defence said the dates of his trip have not

King said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was showing courage in facing the challenges. "But no one should underesis timeter the scale of his difficul-"sucs," he said.

been announced.

M Despite a US offer to scale Dack its nuclear forc nuclear weapons will remain a cornerstone of Western strategy, Nato's supreme commander said

US General John Galvin welcomed the offer to scrap plans for modernising Europe's battlefield nuclear arsenal, saying it would help avoid war.

He said the proposal, unveiled Thursday by President George Busb and Secretary of State James Baker, answered critics who accused Bush of responding too slowly to Soviet disarmament ideas.

Galvin also said nuclear weapons have become a permanent feature of military planning. "A eredible deterrent today probably has to have a nuclear aspect to it," he said.

The nuclear weapons are here. No matter bow much we wish or pray, it will not go away. It's here. It changes the face of battle just the way gunpowder changed the face of battle in Europe some time ago," be said.

Nato and Warsaw Pact countries trying to negotiate an agreement allowing surveillance overflights say they cannot reach agreement by next Saturday's deadline but still hope for accord

this year, reports said. About 250 experts from the 23 Nato and Warsaw Paet countries are meeting in Budapest in the second stage of the "open skies" conference designed to build confidence between the two

military blocs. A prototype Swedish jet fighter, whose future has been in doubt since the original model crashed 15 months ago, made its first successful test flight yester-

Swedish national television showed the takeoff and landing in clear weather of the 15-minute flight, seen as crucial for the 52 billion crown (\$8.5 billion) Saab-Scania project. The test flight was from Saah's airfield at Link-

Two-plus-four begin on arms reunification process

Soviets willing to compromise

BONN, May 5, (Agencies): The United States, Soviet Union, Britain and France today began the process of turning over Berlin to a future reunfied Germany and shied away from imposing restraints on their former World War II foe.

"The cold war is over. Our planet, the world, Europe, are now embarking on a new road," said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze after the nearly 7-bour meeting. However, Shevardnadze said nothing about the main sticking point:

the Soviet resistance to a united Germany in Nato. "Are there any serious divergences? I don't think we should dramat-

(L-R) Baker, Shevardnadze, Meckel, Genscher, Hurd and Dumas pose before tha Two plus Four talks. (Reuter

Last night, several hundred demonstrators slept in 40 tents pir-

ched in and around the downtown

University Square that has been the site of their two-week rally.

Today, crowds returned to the

square, again blocking Bucharest's

central traffic artery.

Told of Iliescu's decision to enter

dialogue, many appeared sceptical that he would accept their demand to exclude former high-ranking com-munists such as himself from

"As a red, (lliescu) will never agree to this," said Alexandru Amariei, a *23-year-old student. "The dialogue

will not be a dialogue, but a mon-ologue ... an attempt to talk us into

of the dialogue ... but whatever the

results, we will not give up," said a member of an independent league of

students at Bucharest polytechnic,

who spoke on condition of anon-

No official information was

available about the nature of the

Former US President Jimmy Car-

ter has been invited to joie foreign

observers for Romania's first free elections in more than 50 years on

May 20, electoral officials said yes-

be coming, a central electoral hureau

Carter had yet to confirm be would

"It is hard to anticipate the results

national politics.

dialogue.

German

ends visit

GDANSK, Poland, May 5, (AP):

West German President Richard von Weizsnecker heard his country's

national authern played yesterday on the peninsula where World War II began, a symbolic reconciliation 50 years after history's bloodiest conflict.

The emotional moment on Wester-

The emotional moment on Wester-platte perinsula highlighted Weiz-saccker's day in this Baltic port city, which fir 1,000 years has figured prominently in both Polish and Ger-man history.

The first West German head of state to visit Poland also met with

with college students on the third day of a trip designed to reassure Poles they have nothing in fear from the coming reunification of Germany. Weizsnecker concludes his trip to Poland today with a tour of German

cultural and historical sites in the

nearby Polish countryside that for-

"The younger generation should know what happened here in Gdansk, so that a better future comes from a

bad past," Weizsaecker told 500 Gdansk University students in a wide-

ranging question and answer session.
Welconecker's visit comes at a new

and critical stage in the complex Ger-man-Polish relations as Poland pres-

ses for a place on talks on German

unification to ensure its security interests, including its post-war wes-

Poland will be allowed to par-

ticipate in sessions of the talks concer-

ning the German-Polish border, but

ecker's visit comes at a new

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Solidarity leader Lech Walesa

leader

Rallies for resignation

lliescu agrees

to open talks

BUCHAREST, May 5, (AP): Interim President Ion Hiescu has agreed to open talks on Tuesday with

anti-government protesters who have rallied for his resignation for

Officials said the decision to talk to

the protesters was reached late last

night after talks between thescu-

Vice-President ton Caramitru and

As late as Thursday, Vice-Premier Gelu Voican-Voiculescu dismissed

the demonstrators as hooligans and

has attracted crowds of up to 10,000 has gained momentum each evening.

and spread to at least two other

The oumber of hunger strikers vowing to fast until litescu resigns

has climbed from 21 early this week

to 57, increasing the pressure for

The demonstrators in Bucharest.

Romania's second-largest city of Brasov and the western city of Timis-

oara claim Hieseu and fellow mem-

bers of the National Salvation Front

that dominates government still bar-

bour communist or totalitarian

tlieseu, who took over as president

after the December revolution that

toppled communist dictator Nicelae

Ceausescu, is nonetheless considered

the favourite in presidential elections

But the rally, which since April 22

two weeks, officials said.

other high-ranking officials.

ruled out dialogue.

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inclinations.

isc. This is normal around negotiations," Shevardnadze said. US Secretary of State James Baker, appearing at a joint news conference with Shevardnadze and the representatives of the four other countries, gave an upbeat assessment.

Baker re-eu:phasised that Washington and the other participants are behind a "unified, sovereign Germany."

"It is our view that Germany should not he singled out," Baker said. He appeared to be referring to any attempt to bring discussions about disarming Germany into the six-nation unification talks. The

> Americans have insisted that the unification talks cannot be broaded into disarmament

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher announced that the six parties had agreed that the process of German unity should go forward without delay.

Genscher, in reading the joint declaration, also announced a tentative timetable for further round of talks, with a session in June in East Berlin, July in Paris and September in Moscow.

It was agreed to invite Polisb Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skuhiszewski to the third session in Paris, when the issue of the Polish border will be dealt with. Genscher said. The Polish foreign minister will have the right to address all issues concerning the border, according to the joint declaration.

Poland has expressed its concern about possible German claims to Polish territory. "We're convinced this is a

great day for Germany and a great day for Europe, because the two things belong together," said East German Foreign Minister Markus Meckel.

Meckel added: "It's been clearly stated ... there's no question wbether the Germans may unite, that no obstacles should he placed in their path."

We wish to show solidarity with our eastern neighbours. They will not he forgotten," the East German foreign minister said at a post-meeting news conference.
"We face the challenge of rising above the past," Baker said.

setting the tone for restricting the work of the four powers to procedures for relinquishing their 45-year control of the old German capital.

Sbevardnadze said on West German television that at the next session there would he "a substantive discussion on all

points of the agenda." "This was a good meeting,"

Shevardnadze said. Shevardnadze said the fact that today's talks bad not produced a final settlement did not mean anything. "It would bave been naive to think that we

could bave dene that," he said. The six ministers had identical approaches on many matters of principle but there were also some differences.

Dissent broke out in East Germany's first democratic government yesterday over the costs of unification with West Germany. ● East Germans vote tomorrow

in local elections that likely will remove the vestiges of communist control and virtually complete the revolt that began a year ago. The final round of US-Soviet talks to prepare for the Washington summit meeting will be held in Moscow on May 16-19, a Soviet spokesman said.



Latvian deputies raise voting cards in Parliament May 4. (Reuter wiraphoto)

Latvia plans currency

RIGA, USSR, May 5, (AP): Latvian economists moved quickly today to take practical stcos toward making their republic independent, announcing plans to launch a convertible Latvian currency.

The republic's legislature yesterday joined neighbouring Lith-uania and Estonia in declaring independence from the Soviet Union, 50 years after the Kremlin annexed the three Baltic republics.

However, it said full independence would come only after an indefinite period of negotiation with Soviet authorities.

Latvian President Anatoly Gorbusov said the talks were expected to hegin May 15 at a low

Although huge crowds of Latvians eestatically greeted their legislature's declaration with tears, a chorus of the republic's traditional anthem and dancing in the streets, some

were not pleased.

About 300 people gathered on Riga's Cathedrai Square today morning to hear speakers say the independence declaration was illegal and should be revoked. The rally was organised by Interfront, which groups ethnic Russians and other non-Latvian

residents of the republic. Latvijas Jaunaine, the popular Latvian youth newspaper, devoted its entire front page today to the declaration and photos of Gorbanov, voting booths at the Supreme Soviet

and the crowd outside. Economists of the new Latvia fund told reporters in Riga, the republie's capital, that work was under way to restore the pre-Soviet Latvian currency, the Lat.

The fund, created last month, plans to immediately issue bonds and lottery tickets that can be sold abroad for \$11 million to finance the creation and printing of the new eurrency, they said.

The Lat may enter circulation - coexisting with the non-convertible Soviet rouble - as early as next year, fund memhers republie eurrencies bave been announced in Estonia and Lithuania, but none has been issued

"This is not theory. This is a concrete step to independence," said Jazeps Barkans, director of

Lithuania blockade

Oil running out

VILNIUS, Soviet Union, May 5, (Reuter): Lithuania's Deputy Prime Minister said yesterday the republic would run out of fuel this month and a pobtical compromise was needed to break the Kremlin's economic blockade.

Algirdas Brazauskas told a news conference that the breakaway republic had not found eil supplies to replace those Moscow is withholding.

"We cannot live without oil. Ne modern country can," Brazauskas told processor in Vilnius, the resulties canical.

reporters in Vilnius, the republic's capital.

Moscow imposed its blockade to try to force the republic to rescind its March

11 declaration of independence. Brazauskas said the republic would run out of oil by May 15 or 20 and would

ave eo more petrol by the end of the month. Lithuania needed 600,000 tonnes of cil a month, he said. To put an end to the blockade a political decision is needed. No amount of nic measures, no matter how far-sighted, can bring about negotiations

Asked what kind of political decision was necessary, Brazauskas said arliament could suspend laws passed to bolster its declaration of indepen-

He did not call for a suspension of the declaration itself, which Moscow says is

In Washington the visiting Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazuniera Prunskiene declaring that her republic's independence decree was "irrevocable and untou-

chable," urged the United States on Friday oot to grant the Soviet Unioo favourable trading status.

Prunskiene, will travel on to London to meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, an unofficial Soviet news agency said today.

A report by the Estonian News Service, which could not be immediately confirmed, said Prunskiene would fly directly to Britain from the United States

and would meet Thatcher on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Soviet authorities allowed the first shipment of foreign aid to enter Lithuania from Poland yesterday but banned the truck that carried it, an Austrian official who accompanied the shipment said.

Latvian television, who is a fund member.

Latvia's move yesterday is less confrontational than the steps taken by Lithuania, which is suffering through an economic embargo imposed by the Kremlin.

President Lithuanian Vytautas Landshergis told reporters today in his republie's capital, Vilnius, that be is still waiting for Moscow to negotiate, even after he endorsed the idea of slowing the drive for indepen-

"We are expecting the Kremlin to display more flexibility and constructiveness and then we could be ready to settle quickly all the problems." Landsbergis said, according to Litbuanian TV editor Eduardas Potashsinskas. "But so far we see only a total demand that we submit to the constitution of the

news conference what reaction be expected from the Kremlin. He said he could not predict what Moscow would say, but be added that the Latvian government bad tried to make it clear in the declaration that there is "no cause to close the door on dialogue and start setting ultimatums Although Latvia, unlike Lith-

Gorbunov later was asked at a

did not demand uania. immediate independence, its move is not within the guidelines stated in the Soviet Union's new law on secession. The measure was approved

138-0. Fifty-seven anti-independence lawmakers refused to cast

After the vote was announced, Latvians inside and outside the hall broke into a chorus of "God Bless Latvia." the republie's traditional anthem. A cheering crowd showered emerging lawmakers with roses, pansies and

CDU hopes to clinch stunning win

USSR, and by this the USSR

means annexation."

Croatians vote in second round

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, May 5, (AP): A centre-right party that advocates Croatia's independence from Yugoslavia hopes to clinch its stunoing election victory in a second round of voting tomorrow.

The Croatiae Democratic Union won 104 of the 131 seats in the 356seat tri-Cameral Republican Parliament decided in the first round of voung April 22-23, which was the republie's first free election in 50

The remaining 225 seats are to be decided in balloting tomorrow and Monday. First results are net expected until Monday afternoon.

Political observers believe another victory for the CDU and its leader Franjo Tudjman, a retired army general once imprisoned for almost live years for alleged nationalism, will intensify the split between Croatia and Serbia. The we largest of Yugoslavia's six

republics have been fierce rivals since the country was created in 1918. Serbia iedicated yesterday it may

follow Croatia and its northern neighbour, Slovenia, in staging free elections in the next six mooths. But a victory by pro-independence

forces in Creaua would likely bolster the Serbian communists who advocate a centralised Yugoslavia and bave used nationalism to help keep a firm grip on power.

Yugoslavia is already effectively one country with two systems - the one-party communist rule in Serbia.

and the greater pluralism of Croatia and its northern neighbeur, Slovenia. In free elections last month ie

Slovenia, the republic's reform communists lost the Parliament, aithough their popular leader, Milan Kucan, won the republic's

The centrist coalition for national ccord, considered a pre-election favounte, won only three seats. Predicting the outcome of the

second round is complicated by the fact that a majority is not required to win a seat, the winner is the candidate garnerieg the most vetes. In the first round, more than 50 per cent of the vote was needed for victory.

wants broader participation. official told reporters. UK, France to forge closer links in security

WADDESDON, England, May 5. (AP): Britain and France, which have jealously guarded the independence of their nuclear forces, announced yesterday they will force closer links in security and defeace matters.
The French and British defeace ministers later announced they were looking at the possibilines of co-operation on unspecified

nuclear programmes.
Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President Francois Mitterand of France announced the defence co-operation at a news coeference during the annual Anglo-French summit. It was held a day after US Secretary of State James Baker announced that short-range Lance missiles in Germany, which will become obsolete in 1995, will not

Thatcher, who had favoured a new Lance missile, said the decision made by US President George Bush increased the importance of modernizing the present "free-fall-ingnuclear bombs... to a missile from air-to-

Mitterrand endorsed Bush's decision on the Lance, "which is the positiee I had in fact called for myself ie 1988." He said France wants to link modernization or reductions in nuclear weapons to concrete results from Vienna talks oe reducing conventional forces.

Both of us as independent nuclear deterrent powers - the only two in Europe ... we feel we should co-operate more closely on security and defence matters," Thatcher

"We have asked our foreign and defence ministers to supervise a programme on enhanced co-operation on these issues with particular emphasis on future security arrangements in Europe," she said. "No field is precluded from such co-operatioe," said Mitterrand. "Let's move

forward. We will not overnight achieve coordination as complete and as full as I would wish, but we will move forward." Britain and France have not included their nuclear arsenals in the superpower arms reduction talks. Both countries main-

tain they need nuclear weapons as an essen-

tial minimal deterrent.

Thateher, Mitterrand shown together at Waodesdon Manor May 4. (Reuter wirepheto)

World Hews Roundup

proclaimed: week President Bush Friday proclaimed the week of May 6 as Jewish Heritage Week and urged recognition of the "many contributions that Jewish ciuzens have made to our nacon.

"lo doing so, we also celebrate the cultural diversity and spirit of tolerance that have long strengthened the United States," he said.

in the proclamation, Bush said that on May 10, "we also join our Jewish friends and neigh-bours in marking the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel, and we share in the celebration of the modern exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union, many of whom are going to tsrael." (UPt)

Ex-lawmen sentenced: Three white former lawmen convicted of murdering a hlack prisoner were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 10 to 28 years.

The prosecutor sought life terms in the case, which drew wide attention in the state from activists who contend mistreatment of hlacks hy white police officers is common.

Loyal Garner Jr.. 34-year-old black man who has six children, died after being beaten in his cell following a drunken driving arrest 2 1-2

vears ago.
The defendants — former Hemphill police chief Thomas Ladner and former Sahine County Sheriff's deputies Billy Ray Horton and James M. Hyden - were convicted Thursday. Ladner was sentenced Friday to 28 years, Hyden to 14 years and Horton to 10 years. (AP)

Dolphins deployment delayed: A navy plan 10 deploy "dolphins of doom" as underwater security guards for its nuclear submarine base in Bangor, Washington, was tem-porarily torpedoed Thursday pending environ-Attorneys for the government and a coaliogo

of 15 animal rights groups signed a legal agreement that freezes the navy's dolphin training programme and puts on hold a 13-monthold lederal lawsuit challenging the plan. The agreement requires the navy to stop cap-turing Atlantic hottlenose dolphins and delay

moving any of the already trained dolphins to pens at Bangor, pending completion of an environmental impact statement. (UPI)

Selling an idea: The man with the two boxes of trash bags looked out of place amid the models in cochtail dresses, the stack of truck tyres and the tie-dyed salespeople from the world's No. 1 jewellery company serving the sanitation industry.

"I'm not trying to sell cinch-saks," Thomas W. Higgins confided. "I'm trying to sell an

Higgins' idea - clear hefty cinch-saks might seem a trifle mundane. But last month's earth day somehow has Americans excited ahout a mundane task - throwing out trash. And that has people very excited at Waste Expo 90, the annual convention of the National Solid Wastes Management Association. (AP)

Europe

Malta appoints: Deputy Prime Minister Guido de Marco on Friday was named foreign minister in the first cabinet shuffle since the Nationalist Party took power three years ago in

Malta.

De Marco takes the portfolio from Prime Minister Eddie Fenech Adami, who led his party to victory after 16 years of socialist rule. De Marco remains deputy prime minister but the port interior. That post was assumed by Education Minister Ugo Mifsud Bonnici.

A parliamentary secretary for industry, John Dalli, was made minister of economie affairs, and three new parliamentary secretaries were appointed. (AP)

Di. Charles to visit Hungary: An official visit to Hungary by Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana beginning on Monday bestows a royal stamp of approval on reforms in Eastern Europe.

The four-day trip, at the invitation of the Hungarian government, is the first official visit to Eastern Europe by members of the Britain royal family since democracy began sweeping

The visit lays the groundwork for other British royal tours of Eastern Europe. Queen Elizabeth has accepted in principle an invitation by President Mikhail Gorbachev to visit the Soviet Union but no date has been set. (Reuter)

Forced adoptions: East Germany's former communist government routinely forced politically undesirable parents to give up their children for adoption, a West German magazine reported Wednesday.

The magazine "Brigitte" said in its latest

edition that unwed mothers or parents considered politically or socially unacceptable were forced to give up newborn children.

East German Justice Ministry official, said the children were given to parents who followed the Communist Party line. (AP)

British soldier killed: A young British serviceman was kilted early Saturday when his motorcycle went off the road in the tourist resort of Ayia Napa, said a police statement. The soldier was identified as Paul Derek

Rogan, 21. No hometown was available. Bomb attempt foiled: Yesterday's апетрt to blow up a British army barracks near Hanover, West Germany, was foiled as a result of extra security measures ordered by the UK Ministry of Defence last summer, it was repor-

ted in London Salurday. The Times newspaper said the measures included a comprehensive review of security at military bases in Britain, West Germany and elsewhere, and the allocation of a special hudget of 126 million pounds to be spent over three

They were in response to a spate of attacks on British servicemen and their families in West Germany in 1989, which resulted in a number of fatalities, including a six month old baby girl.

stood a good chance of gaining a majority

The parliamentary election in the break-

away Turkish Republic of North Cyprus

in the 50-seat national assembly.



Back from exile

Athia Sachs arrives at his hometown in Cape Town yesterday after 24 years in exile. Sachs was greeted homa by his mother Ray Edwards.

ANC veteran

Albie Sachs ends exile

CAPE TOWN, May 5, (Reuter): White African National Congress (ANC) veteran Albie Sachs, in exile from South Africa since 1966, returned home today to an emotional

reunion with his 85-year-old mother.

Sachs, a 55-year-old lawyer, who was maimed hy a car bomh in Mozamhique in 1988, is a member of the ANC's policy-making national executive committee and the movement's chief constitutional thinker.

"It's wonderful to be home, it's wonderful to be back in Cape Town. Emotionally, spiritually and politically t never left Cape Town," he said as he hugged his mother.

He said he would consult with ANC leaders about proposals for a non-racial consolution for South Africa after negotia-tions launched this week in a pioncering meeong between the ANC and the white government of President F.W. de Klerk.
"I think we are on the brink of a new era in

South Africa," he said, Sachs trained as a lawyer in Cape Town hut fled the country in 1966 after 170 days detention in solitary confinement without

"It was a wrench to leave and now I am home, but not all of my body is home and that is going to take some time to overcome," he said at Cape Town's D.F. Malan

Sachs lost his right arm and his face was deeply scarred in April 1988 when a bomb exploded in his car in Mozamhique, where he worked for t1 years as an ANC lawyer He said he was not hitter about the price of

his opposition to white rule in South Africa.
"All I feel now is hope and joy and some sadness about what was lost." Sachs said. His mother, supported by women in khaki ANC uniforms, embraced him and told him she had lunch waiting at home.



Pleasing ghosts

A worker adjusts the beard of a paper mache gon during preparations for the Bun Festival on the outlying island of Cheung Chau, Hong Kong on May 3 Tha lestival is inlended to placate ghosis and rastlass spirits on the annual lour-day festival thus ensuring the salety of the residents. (Reuler wirephoto)

Asia

Shoplifting charges: Authorities are pursuing a shoplifting case against a Japanese city official who was released within hours last month after Mayor Tom Bradley contacted police at Los Angeles interoational airport, it was reported in Los Angeles Saturday.

Peter Covette, an assistant supervisor in the city attorney's office, told the Los Angeles Times that police submitted the case to city prosecutors, who will decide whether to file misdemeanour charges. On Thursday, one day after his arrest was made public, Yukio Umemura resigned as

chairman of the Nagoya City Assembly, according to a Japanese press report. Umemura, 59, was arrested April 14, suspec-

ted of taking two Gueer wallets and a leather purse valued at \$450 from a duty-free airport gift shop. (UPt)

Jailed for raping daughter: A Malaysian court has sentenced a former army major to 18 years in jail and ordered him caned

for raping his 13-year-old daughter. A lower court judge on Friday found 43-yearold Shaikh Walid, a father of three, guilty of raping his daughter at their home in December.

sentence was appropriate in view of the wide-

Judge Siti Saleha Sheikh Bakar said the stiff

spread incidence of rape in predominantly Muslim country of 17 million people.

Shaikh's lawyer asked for the sentence to be reduced, saying Shaikh had served in the Malaysian army 16 years and was a first offender. (Reuteri

Raise age for retirement: Nearly half of the large Japanese companies believe that it would be possible to raise the age for retirement to 65 if the government raises the age for receiv-

ing welfare pension, it was revealed Saturday.
The Japan Research Institute surveyed 1,026 companies listed in the Tokyo exchange, with 26.4 per cent of them responding.

The survey was aimed at learning how companies would cope with the plan hy the Health Ministry to raise the age at which insured people start receiving welfare pension to 65. (Kuna)

22.8 million kids in Japan: There were 22.8 million children under the age of 15 in Japan as of April t, a decline of 760,000 from last year, the government announced Saturday.

The ratio to total population also fell 0.7 percentage points, to 18.5 per cent, the lowest in According to figures released on Children's Day, there are 11.7 million boys and 11.1

million girls in Japan. Bahies under one year old constitute the smallest group, while the most populous group is 14-year-olds. Before World War Two, children accounted for a steady 36 per cent of the total population. Since that time, the ratio has steadily declined.

Chimney collapse kills 24: Twentyfour construction workers in southern China were killed when the 40-metre-tall (132-foottall) chimney they were working on collapsed, a

local newspaper reported in Beijing.
Friday's Yangcheng evening news, seen in Beijing Saturday, said the chimney of a brick factory in Canton's (Guangzhou's) Kaiping county toppled because of an unstable founda-

The paper said the only other worker at the site suffered minor injuries. (AP)

Former world leaders to meet: More than 40 former world leaders will gather in Seoul on May 23 for a meeting of the Inter Action Council, a group seeking to belp solve international problems, government officials said Saturday.

Anendants will include former West German chancellor Helmul Schmidt, former French president Giscard d'Estaing, former Japanese prime minister Takeo Fukuta and other dig-nitaries from some 30 countries, the officials said. (UPI)

New evidence: A controversial theory that dinosaurs were wiped out after a meteorite collided with Earth millions of years ago is backed by new evidence from Tibet, a Chinese

newspaper said on Saturday.

The Guangming daily said scienosts in the Gangba area of the Himalayan region had found the ashes of forests and high concentrations of platinum and iridium indicating a meteorite struck Earth 65 million years ago.

Their finds seemed to support theories of some American scientists that a wayward meteorite caused an explosion equivalent to 100 trillion tonnes of TNT, the newspaper said.

Soviets no longer a threat: In a major policy shift, Malaysian Foreign Minister Abu Hassan Omar said he does not see the Soviet Union under President Mikhail Gorbachev as a threat to South-East Asia.
In a speech released Friday by the informa-

tion department, Abu Hassan said he believes new Soviet policies foster a reduction of US and

"A reduction in force structure seems inevitahlc," he said in the speech, which was delivered Thursday. "Indeed, (US) Defence Secretary (Dick) Chency has already indicated that a 10 per cent reduction of forces in the Pacific is in the offing."

Latin America

Pope to address businessmen: Pope John Patil II, who arrives Standay on his second visit to the world's most populated. Spanish-speaking country, will tell Mexican husiness aders about "the morality of the husiness world," a church spokesman said.

"He will tell husinessmen, those who have everything and sometimes more than they should, that material goods are meant for all, to make possible for man to live a decent life. He will speak to them about the morality of the husiness world," said Monsignor Genaro Alamia, a spokesman for the conference of

hishops said Friday.

The Pope also will have a special message, "not just one of compassion," Alamia said, "for the poor and the neglected, those ignored hy our materialistic society. He has much to tell them.

Jailed editor freed: The editor of a newspaper who discovered a key witness in the Washington murder of an opponent of Chile's former military government has been freed by the prosecutor who ordered him jailed.

Manuel Salazar, national editor of the La Epoca newspaper, was freed Thursday night after President Patricio Aylwin called on military prosecutor Raul Rozas to explain why Salazar had been held for 26 hours. Salazar was jailed after he discovered the

1976 murder of Washington's embassy row of Orlando Letelier and had been questioned by Rozas before being jailed. (UPtt 6 dead in Mexican wreck: A passen-

identity of a woman who is a key witness in the

ger train wreck in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca has claimed at least six lives, the Mexican Red Cross said Friday.

The Red Cross originally gave a death toll of

at least 40 dead in the Thursday night wreck. Ana Maria Tovar, director of the Red Cross in Oaxaca, the state capital, on Friday blamed the discrepancy on the magnitude of the wreck, the isolation of the mountainous area where the accident occurred and the fact that it was at A release from the Mexican national railroad

put the toll at seven dead and 20 injured. (AP)

Amnesty plan opens political rift

Mitterrand's popularity sliding to all-time low

PARIL, May 5, (AP): Oppositioo lawmakers exploited a slide in President Francois Mitterraod's popularity vesterday with a parliamentary attack on an amnesty plan excusing political fund-raising abuses.

The three main conservative and centrist groups in the national assembly filed a noconfidence motioo against the socialist government for "deceiving oational represen-tatives" when the amnesty bill passed last December.

Their move followed mounting public uproar over the bill. In recent days, prisoners have rioted and judges bave freed criminal suspects to protest what they see as politicians putting themselves above the law.

Tories

suffer

setback

LONDON, May 5, (AP): Britain's Labour Party rejoiced

yesterday in sweeping local elec-tion victories, but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took comfort

that the results were not as bad as

And some analysts predicted that Thatcher was now mure

secure against possible challenges to her leadership of the Con-

Millions of voters protesting

soaring home loan rates and an

mpopular new tax, the so-called

But the buge 11 per cent swing

against the government was only

half Thatcher's near record 20-

Share prices rose on the London

stock exchange, reflecting relief

In the most important trend for

Labour, the party posted sig-nificant gains in the prosperous

and heavily populated south for

the first time since Thatcher ous-

ted a labour government in 1979.

that we need which makes me

forecast that we are certain to win

the next election," said Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock.

But in London, the Con-

servative performed well. In a particularly sore loss for

Kinnock, the Tories wrested from

Labour the west London borough

"f am sure Neil's residence in

Ealing is extremely welcome to his

mmediate neighbours," snapped

Bryan Gould, a Labour campaign

manager, "but I don't think it is a

oig factor in terms of people's vot-

Boroughs, Wandsworth and

These councils have set the

lowest poli tax rates in Britain.

been lauded by Thatcher und

accused by labour of rigging the

figures as a one-off bribe to voters.

virtually shut out in Scotland and

performed badly in nurthern

England, losing the industrial city

"We've lost some we hoped to hold ... but we have a very good

basis on which to go forward and

win the next general election," declared Thatcher. She said the

party had "confounded the polls."

but one of the 201 councils coutes-

ted. Labour gained 300 seats, the

Conservatives lost 191 and the

centrist Social and Liberal

Apart from the Scottish nation-

alists and the tiny Green Party.

other minority parties all had net

losses in the some 5,000 seats con-

Labour control of 110 of the

councils contested, up from 97, the Conservatives had 51, down from

60. The centrists had 17, down

two. No party won a majority in

BBC political correspondent

John Cole said the better-than-

expected result for Thatcher's

party "will fortify her leadership

against the assault that is going

"All have some cause to be

grateful for the results. All have

some cause to be anxious," said

■ Thatcher, Britain's first

woman leuder, on Wednesday

called on more women to bring

their "common sense" into

Democratic Party lost 48.

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And the Tories held with increased majorities two other key

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Receot polls bave sbown Mitterrand's

popularity sliding to an all-time low of 39 per ceot. One reason, analysts say, was a high court judgment that effectively amnestied former cabinel minister Christian Nucci.

"This moral drift is unacceptable," complained Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, leader of the right-wing Rally for the Republic (RPR) Party and orchestrator of the censure

"Will there be two laws in France?" Chirac asked in a television interview on Thursday. "One favouring politicians and their schemes when the case arises, and another one for the rest of the French?"

If passed next week by the 577-seat assembly, the censure would require Mitterrand to replace socialist Premier Michel Rocard.

But the Communist Party said yesterday it will not support the motion originating from the right wing. That would give the socialists, the dominant party 272 seats, a likely majorily of votes cast.

The assembly passed the socialistproposed amnesty bill last year, with all communists and many rightists voting against it. Bul the key centre-right parties abstained, allowing the measure to carry 283-168 with almost unanimous socialist backing.

The amnesty came as several officeholders from across the political spectrum fell afoul of financing laws that provided no legal way to raise the large sums of money needed to run modern campaigns.



Reed responds to journalists' questions before leaving the US Air Force hospital in Wieshaden on May 4 for his return tlight to the US. Reed is with his wife Fifi. (Reuter wirephoto).



Reed makes remarks shortly after his arrival at Andrews Alr Force Base outside Washington DC on Friday. Surrounding Reed are from left wife Fahima, Reed, PeggySay, Marilyn Langston, Jacqueline Reed and Sen. Edward Kennedy. (Reuter

'Free Arab prisoners'

BEIRUT, May 5, (AP). Sbeikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of Iranianbacked Shiite Muslim militants, has said no more Western hostages will be freed unless Israel releases Arab prisoners, the Al-Anwar daily reported today.

"We want the states of the world to pressure Israel into releasing Arab prisoners the same way they exert pressure for the release of Western hostages," he said during a Friday prayers sermon at a mosque in the south Beirut slum of Bir El-Abed.

Most of the 16 Westerners missing in Lebanon are believed to be held by Shiite groups in Beirut's southern shanly lowns, a stronghold of the fundamentalist Hezbollah.

Fadlallah. Hezbollah's "spirittal guide," declared: "We don't want the haman rights and freedom of anyone to be achieved at our expense," Fadlallah said in apparent rejection of the release of Western captives without reciprocal treatment from Israel.

"Either (our people) will be free or we will not respect the freedom of the world that does not respect our freedom," he added.

The missing Westerners comprise six Americans, four Pritons, two Swiss, two West Germans, an Italian and an Irish-

American Terry Anderson, 42. chief Middle East correspondent for the Associated Press, is the longest-held captive. He was kidnapped in Muslim West Beirut March 16, 1985.

Hezbollah issued a statement Friday blaming the United States for hiodering the release of

The US administration hears

Reed arrives in US

'I'm unchained' ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. And in a special tribute to all hos-

Maryland, May 5, (AP): Freed hos-tage Frank Reed returned home ro the United States yesterday after 42 months in captivity and rejoiced, "I' am unchained and unblindfolded."

Reed's plane was greeted by another recently freed hostage, Robert Polhill. The rwo men embraced on the tarmac, and Reed whispered, "we're going to get the rest of them out, aren't we." The release of Reed and Polhill left six Americans and nine other Wes-

"Of course it feels wonderful," Reed said in a brief statement that left many of his welcomers in tears. He thanked all those who worked and prayed for his release - includ-

ing the Americans still held hostage

terners sull held in captivity in

for refusing "10 let me give up" in captivity. Thank you for all your love and concern, and yes, for your tears, for I ery with you that this tragic affair will end soon. Amen. amen, amen," he

In a brief formal statement that left his greeters shedding as many tears as the gentle raindrops which drifted from a light overcast, Reed said: "Fellow Americans, because of all of

plications in this issue," it said. "The ball is now in America's court after the efforts that had been exerted by the Islamic Republic and Syria to free two Americans as a step toward

resolving the question of all the

bostages," the statement said. Tehran Radio said today the US was engaged in Byzantine policies to distance itself from any deals with Iran over Western hostages in Beirut, but that this was blocking efforts for release of the captives.

freeing of two American more lages by their pro-Iraniao lages lages by their pro-Iraniao lages lages by their pro-Iraniao lages l In an apparent reference to the

"We're so glad you're home," Mrs Bush said. "I know the president wishes he was here to meet you. President George Bush was in Oklahoma giving a speech on Nato and the future of Europe. Reed was released by his captors

Monday and has been undergoing medical tests in Wiesbaden, West Germany. He is expected to face further medical tests in the next several days.

Bush, who met with Polhili earlier

tage relatives, several of whom were

on hand in a customary show of

unity, he declared "because of Peggy

Say, Kit and Joan Sutherland, the Keenan sisters, Pat McCarthy, and

many, many others, t am unchained

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hich was to take him and his family

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Ire at the base, the caravan was diver-

teddown the tarmac where, to Reed's

delight, he was greeted by Barbara Bush as she was about to board a

and unhlindfolded."

flight to Kentucky.

in the week, said Thursday that be would be willing to make a goodwill gesture toward Iran as long as it did not appear to be negotiations for the release of the remaining hostages.

successfully negotiated with the captors many times in the past. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali

Akbar Velayati was quoted by Radio Tehran today as denying recent press reports that bis country and the US are holding negotiations on the release of more Western hostages io

Turkish-Cypriot leftists challenge ruling party in elections 1983, the parliamentary campaign has NICOSIA, May 5, (Reuter): The Turkish-(TRNC), recognised only by Ankara, self-determination for the 160,000 Turkish Cypriot National Unity Party (NUP) is follows by two weeks a presidential vote been fought over domestic issues, with the Cypriots as a distinct community. comfortably won by veteran Turkishfacing its most serious challenge after 14 It was not clear, however, how his pervears of rule in northern Cyprus with three Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. sonal victory would influence the 100,000. Denktash, who distanced himself from leftist opposition parties joining ranks eligible Turkish-Cypriot voters. domestic politics, gained wide support for against it in geoeral elections tomorrow. Cyprus has been split since Turkish his uncompromising stand in talks with leaders of the 600,000-strong Greek-Political analysts said it was difficult to troops occupied the northern third of the predict the outcome, but the opposition

Cypriot community to reunite the Mediterranean holiday island. UN-sponsored unity talks broke down in February when Denktasb insisted on

island in 1974 in response to a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the junta then ruling Greece.

In contrast to the presidential poll, the

secood since the TRNC was delcared in

opposition accusing the ruling party of economic mismanagement and corrup-

politics.

Turkey fo: its numan rights violations in Cyprus, reported the official Cyprus News

Foreign Minister George lacovots charged today that political expediency stopped his colleagues on the council of Europe from imposing sanctions on

Western captives. the responsibility for any com.Jordan

minister

resigns

AMMAN, May 5, (AP): Planning Minister Awni Al Masri said today

he has submitted his resignation from Prime Minister Mudar Badran's five-month-old cabinet.

But Islamic Fundamentalists said

they will not be part of the govern-

"I submitted my resignation to Mr

Badran some time ago," Masri told the Associated Press in a telephone

His comments followed reports that he will move to a post with a leading international organisation in oil-rich Saudi Arabia.

He declined to give the reason for

his resignation, but noted: "Reports of me getting a job somewhere else

Masri said he had discussed his resignation with Badran, but has not

yet received an official response from the premier.

A semor lordanian official, who did not wish to be identified, told

reporters earlier this week that a might resbuille in Badran's govern-ment was expected any day.

her well-informed officials, also

Larnaca lawyer Nicos Papaioannou replaces Chr-

istodoulos Chrysanthon as minister of justice.
Pavlos Savides, a shipping company manager
from Limassol, takes over the Ministry of Commun-

ications and Works from Nakos Protopapas.

Rajavi killers identified: Swiss police said

yesterday they had identified the suspected killers of Iranian opposition leader Kazem Rajavi.

They named Iranians Yadollah Samadi and Mohammad Rezvani, who stayed in a Geneva hotel and hired the car used to ambush Rajavi, as the

Rajavi, 56, brother of leftist Iranian leader Mas-

soud Rajavi, was gunned down near his Geneva lakeside house by two men on April 24. (Reuter)

Egypt Brotherhood party: The Muslim Brotherhood organisation in Egypt is to launch itself as a political party next month, a Kuwaiul daily reported today.

In a despatch from Cairo, the paper quoted one of

the movement's distinguished members in Egypt's People's Assembly Mamoum Al Hudaibi as saying

reopie's Assembly Mamoun Al Hudaibi as saying that the step is not meant to break the law.

The Muslim Brotherhood movement is oot recognised as legal pobtical party though its members had contested the latest elections to the People's Assembly in 1987 on the ticket of the opposition labour and liberal parties with whom it has a Wisson (Vana)

liberal parties with whom it has an alliance. (Kuna)

Two Israelis jailed for theft: Two Israelis

already serving a two-year prison term for a series of local burglaries were sentenced to an additional 12

months on Thursday for stealing jewellery worth

£1,500 (\$3,000) from a Cypriot woman.
The two, who police said were Soviet Jews who had

recently emigrated to Israel, were named in court as Anatob Boris Pesiasov, 32, and Natik Yiasiaev, 22.

Hashish haul in Beirut: Authorities at

Beirut airport said they busted 170 kilogrammes (400 pounds) of hashish destined for Frankfurt shortly before shipment on Thursday.

They said the cargo was concealed in wooden boxes marked as books.

The hashish was discovered when a customs

employee opened one of the boxes shortly before it

was to be taken on board the plane," a terse police

Several people were arrested immediately after the discovery of the shipment," the statement said.

fing on condition of anonymity, Badran will not replace Masri

bug assign his portfolio to another minister in the 24-member cabinet.

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CAIRO, May 5, (Reuter): Sudanese armed forces have

reinforced their positions at key

points in and around Khartoum

following a coup attempt II days ago, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (Mena) said yesterday.

"Life is proceeding normally in Khartoum...(but) armed

security around strategic and

important locations has been doubled," Mena said in a report

Mena gave no explanation for

the reinforcements which it said

capital

Army clamps curfew on camps Perjurer acquitted

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 5, (Agencies): Israeli troops in the occupied territories wounded at least 14 Palestinians today in clashes. Palestinian sources said.

At a Bethlehem vegetable market, soldiers shot Mahmoud Mohammed Al Shalan, 20, in the head, the sources said.

The army said a Bethlehem resident had been wounded by a rubber

hullet and transferred to Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem. In Gaza city, Israeli soldiers fired ruhber hullets and live ammunition

to disperse about 100 masked youth throwing stones at military

vehicles, Palestinian sources said.

Hospital officials said seven youths had been wounded by gunfire

An army spokesperson confirmed clashes had occurred in Gaza city but said only three people were injured.

The Gaza seafront and Jabalya refugee camp, scene of bloody clashes on April 26, were under curfew.

After two days of elashes in the West Bank, the army clamped a curfew on Ramallah and several refugee camps near the town of Jenin.

Paramilitary border police cla-shed with Palestinian youths in

the Bihlical town of Bethlehem

today and seriously wounded a

Also today, about 70 girl students in Bethlehem burned

tyres, set up road blocks and waved the outlawed Palesunian

flag in protest over the continued

closure of universities and

schools in the occupied West

The army fired rubber hullets

and lear gas, to disperse the protesters and three students were slightly wounded, Arab

The army said it was checking

The army lifted a curfew in

Nahlus and neighbouring

refuget camps imposed on Thur-

Violence flared in Bethlehem

after 200 schoolgirls marched

through town waving Palestin-

ian flags and shouting nationalist

Israeli troops clamped today a

sea hlockadeon Gaza Strip citing

alleged security reasons, while

four refugee camps in the strip

remained under curfew, reports

Jabalya refugee camp was last night the scene of bloody clashes

which left five Palestinians

In north West Bank, curfew

remained imposed for the third

day on Nahlus city and nearhy refugee camps and villages.

The Israeli authorities are still

imposing a curfew today on six

villages while troops continued

intensifying their deployment in

the environ of Jerusalem, Bethle-

elothes entered a Palestinian

refugee camp yesterday and cap-

tured an Arah fugitive wanted in

the murder of at least six fellow

Palestinians suspected of

eollaborating with Israeli

The army confirmed its sol-

diers shot and seriously wounded

Nasser Muhammad, Abu-Ihmaid, 19, when he tried to

escape arrest in the Al-Amari-

refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

Police in Hehron, meanwhile,

detained two Israelis for

allegedly stoning Arab cars from

their vehicle as they drove

through the West Bank causing

at least one wreck, Israel telev-

denies

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 5,

(UPI): The Israeli mibtary bas denied a newspaper report that a naval ves-sel fired on the yacht of Jordanian King Hussein last month, but said a

ship had participated in a routine weapons eheck in the Gulf of Aqaba.

The Ha'aretz newspaper, quoting sources in the Middle East, said shots were fired at the Jordanian yacht

April 28 while in the Gulf of Aqaba.

A statement hy the Israeli Army spokesman said the report "is not

sel did conduct routine firing of a few

bullets in order to ebeck firing mechanisms within the context of

routine Israel navy patrols io the regioo.
"The firing is directed to the south

in the region where no other vessels can be endangered, with the Israeli vessel located in the centre of the Gulf

inside tsraeli waters," the statement

The statement said the Israeli

Navy had "long-standing and clear

During the incident described in the article, no shots were fired by the Israeli Navy at King Hussem's yacht and oo chase was conducted," the statement said. "An Israel Navy ves-

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ision reported.

authorities, Arah reports said.

Troops disguised in civilian

hem and Hehron cities.

Bank and Gaza Strip.

reporter said.

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seriously injured

protest leader, the army said.

Damage to Israel Rabin fears

hak Rabin warned Israel today it could be heading for an extreme right-wing government that would set back peace and lose it foreign support.

"I believe a right-wing government can cause damage to Israel in the fields of the peace process, international relations, in their policies in the territories, the settlements," said Rabin, who wants to supplant Shimon Peres as leader of the

"Bearing in mind the dangers to Israel as the result of the creation of an extreme right-wing government I prefer to see a national unity government," Rabin said in an interview with Israel Radio.

But he said he would join a coalition only if Prime Minister-Yitzhak Shamir

accepted a US proposal for Israel-Palestinian peace talks in Cairo.

Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud Party, rejected the plan in March and repeated criticism of it last week. His decision led to the collapse of the Likud-Labour coalition that included Rabin as defence minister.

Peres failed to gain support for a new Labour department, giving Shamir the chance to assemble a narrow rightist administration.

"The Likud and Prime Minister Shamir will try their best first and foremost to bring about the creation of a right-wing government," said Rabin, who was army chief during the 1967 Middle East war and prime minister from 1974 to 1977.

Rabin said that during his five and a half years as minister of defence he used the army's control of the occupied territories to block activity such as expanding the Jewish settlement in Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank.

The army confined all 120,000 Arah residents of Nablus to their homes to protect 150 Jews who dedicated a scripture scroll at a shrine in the densely

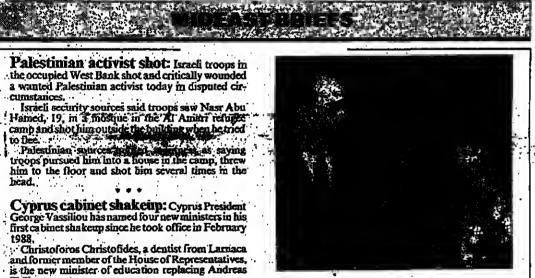
populated centre of the city on Thursday.

"It is only the first sign and a first small step towards an attempt to increase the presence of settlers in the middle of Nahlus," Rahin said, "And I oppose settling Israelis in densely populated areas."

At least 70,000 israelis have settled among the 1.75 million Palestinians who have been in revolt in the Gaza Strip and West Bank for 29 months. Other countries, including the United States, term the settlements an obstacle to peace but construction has increased since Labour's withdrawal from

Rabin, who wants to regain the leadership of Labour which he lost to Peres in 1977 after a financial scandal, said Peres should be replaced as party leader. "After a long period, several elections, the time bas arrived when the party will have a soul searching and decide who can lead the party in the next election with better chances to win," he said.

government as it removed a constraint on Shamir.



Former hostage talks

Former American hostaga Robert Pothill and his wife Feriel (centre) talk with Peggy Say, sister of American hostage Terry Andarson, during a reception in Polhill's honour on Thursday at a Washington hotal. The reception marks the recent release of Polhilt and Polhill's tanth wedding anniversary. (Rauter wire-

De Cuellar to meet Aziz: United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said on Thursday he will meet traqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz in Geneva or Rome next week to push for peace talks with Iran over the Gulf war.

"I have had discussions last week with the foreign minister of tran and t kope that I will have a meeting with the foreign minister of Iraq in the next few days," Perez de Cuellar told reporters. (Reuter)

Jordan denies Israeli spy report: A senior Jordaniao security official denounced as noosense on Thursday an east Jerusalem newspaper report that Amman had jailed for 15 years an alleged Israeli spy who bad infiltrated the Jordanian Army.

"This is total nonsense," he told Reuters in reference to the report published on Wednesday by the Ambic-languae daily Al Quds. "t categorically deny this fabricated report." (Reuter)

Tunisia amends voting system: The Tunisian Parliament amended the voting system for next month's local elections yesterday to give the opposition a greater chance of winning seats.

Parliamentary sources said the poll would be on June 10.

The new electoral code introduces an element of proportional representation to dilute the old system, which gave the winning party in each area complete control of the local council. (Reuter)

Fatah leader gets life term: An Israeli military court yesterday jailed the commander of a PLO unit for life for planting bombs.

The explosion in Tel Aviv suburbs last year did minor damage to a car and n building but caused no

Jaber Salamāh Yosef, 33, from Zawaya village in the occupied West Bank, pleaded guilty to 24 char-ges, including involvement in more than a dozen

Yosef lost a hand and an eye last year when a bomh he was preparing blew up in his hands. (Reuter)

Figure in Iran-Contra affair

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 5, (Reuter): A jury yesterday acquined of perjury a US businessman who contended that the Reagan-Bush campaign in 1980 tried to delay the release of \$2 American hostages in Iran until after the

Intelligence Agency during the 1970s and was doing con-sulting work for the CIA in 1980, was accused of lying to a judge in Denver, Colorado, during a bank fraud trial Iwo

Brenneke was only involved in the fraud trial as a witness on behalf of a friend charged with a bank froud. Brenneke had told the Denver judge that aides of the campaign to elect Ronald Reagao as president and George Bush as vice-president negotiated secretly in Paris with fran to delay the release of the hostages until after the 1980

The release of hostages during the campaign could have boosted the re-election prospects of President Jimmy Car-

During a 10-day trial, federal prosecutors insisted that no secret meetings in Paris were held with the Iranian government and that 48-year-old Brenneke, a Portland resident, never worked for the CIA.

Richard Muller, Brenneke's autorney, told reporters after the verdict that the jury had believed his client. "The motives for bringing the trial were political," he said.

At the time, Brenneke was appearing as a character witness for Denver gold dealer Heinrich Rupp, whom Brenneke said be met in 1957 when they worked together in Southeast Asia for a CIA proprietary, Air America. Rupp was convincted of bank fraud and is serving a 41-year prison term.

Brenneke told the Denver court that he and Rupp in October 1980 helped arrange clandesune meetings involving the hostage crisis, and that Rupp flew George Bush, then a candidate for vice-president, to Paris for the meet-

Brenneke told of three hostage meetings at two Paris hotels. But he testified Thursday that he did not actually

Prosecutors described Brenneke as a rejected CIA applicant who operated on the fringes, trying to become a broker of arms and intelligence and lying about his exploits. But the 12-member jury, after deliberating for

ve bours, said it believed Brenneke's story. Defence lawyer Michael Scott said the verdiet did not mean that witnesses in the case such as Donald P. Gregg.

In Washington, DC, Stephen Hart, deputy White House press secretary, declined any comment on the case.

Brenneke has claimed in numerous media interviews to have detailed knowledge about aspects of the tran-Contra

In Iran-Contra, four men - including former president Reagan's former national security adviser John M. Poin-dexier — were accused of defrauding the government by diverting money from the secret sale of weapons to Iran to

included armoured units deployed at military headquarters, television and radio hroadcast centres and approaches to the capital.

from the city.

The Sudanese News Agency Suna said a military tribunal yesterday sentenced six more members of the April 23 coup plot against the government of General Omar Hassan Al Bashir. The day after the coup 28 army

officers were executed for involvement. The six sentenced yesterday received penaltics ranging from dismissal from military service to life imprisonment, said Suna, monitored hy the British Broadcasting Cor-

Khartoum-hased diplomats and witnesses aid earlier this week that police used tear gas and whips on Monday to disperse a demonstration in the city by women relatives of the executed officers.

The diplomats said a group of officers had sent Bashir a note protesting at the executions in which they urged the general to curh the influence of the militant National Islamie Front on his 15man junta.

The junta, which has hanned political parties in Sudan, is thought to maintain close links with the NIF, which has for years advocated strict implementation of Islamie Sharia laws and a hardline against southern rebels.

Khartoum, a dusty and mainly slum city of an estimated seven million people, has been under night curfew since last June when Bashir seized power in a coup.

Mena reported earlier yester-day that Bashir's junta had set up a high-powered committee to counter "distorted' facts and rumours" spread by opponents

This was an apparent reference to criticism of the executions and the junta's policies issued in recent days hy political groups and rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), fighting the government

in the south since 1983. ■ Sudan's military ruler qua-

shed the death sentence on a prominent doctor's leader and ordered his and a colleague's immediate release, the official Sudan News Agency reported

Dr Mamoun Mohammed Hussein was sentenced by a military court to hang for leading a strike by medical workers in Khartoum last November. The sentence brought widespread appeals for clemency from human rights organisations such as Africa Watch and Amnesty International, hut until now military leader Gen. Omar Al Bashir had refused all mitigation

Mamoun's arrest and sentence were part of a widespread clampdown last year by the military junta — which seized power in June — on union and "liberal" activities perceived as hostile to its fundamentalists Islamic ten-

Battle in Jalalabad

ISLAMABAD, May 5, (AP): Afghan soldiers battled muja-hedeen around the eastern city of Jalalabad vesterday, hours after the 15-month-old state of emergency ended, state-run radio reported.

Kahul radio said "a number of political opponents" were killed in the fighting and large amounts of weapons and ammunition destroyed. It did not say whether any soldiers had been killed or wounded.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, also said forces loyal to President Najihullah had recaptured several key outposts around the city since the offensive began Tuesday.

Fighting has flared and faded since the rebels attempted a conventional assault on the city in March 1989, three weeks after the Soviet Union withdrew its troops from Afghanistan.

The radio also said government forces had pushed back the rebel surrounding the southern cities of Kandahar and Khost, with havy fighting and aerial bombardment under way.

presidential election. Richard Brenneke, who says he worked for the Central Fifty-two American hostages, seized Nov 4, 1979 at the US embassy in Tehran, were released Jan 20, 1981, the day President Reagan was sworn in.

the US ambassador to South Korea, had lied. Nor does it mean that Bush was in Paris for the alleged meetings, Scott

The verdict simply "means that the jury did oot find my elient guilty," Scort said.

Outside the courtroom, a smiling Brenneke said, "we told the truth, we told the truth all along and, hy God, it

the Nicaraguao Cootras at a time when US aid to the rebels was banned.

Bomb to protest peace march

AMMAN, May 5, (Reuter): A petrol bomb was thrown last night at a building housing an Arab-American group plaining a peace march to occupied Jerusalem, a Jordanian security official said

A telephone caller told inter-national news agencies in Amman the previously unknown Islamie Struggle Front was responsible for the bomb to protest the ADC's planned four-day march due to start on June 1.

The bomb started a small fire 30 metres from the block where the Jordanian branch of the Washington-based Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has its offices, the security official said.

"No one was injured, no property was damaged and the molotov cocktail made only a mall noise when it exploded," he told Renters. "We are still investigating the incident but it appears that whoever did it is not very professional and is looking for media fame.

About 30,000 people plan to walk 60 km (35 miles) to the King Hussein, or Allenby, bridge across the Jordan river and then march across to occupied Jerusalem if Israeli authorities permit, ADC officials said.

They may be greeted hy a similar march from occupied Jerusalem tn the hridge, the officials added. Israeli Army Chief of Staff Dan

Shomron vowed at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday to halt Palestin-ians planning to march to the bor-der from the West Bank to join the

ADC.

"We are against their (ADC)
peaceful attitudes. They want to normalise ties between Arabs and Israelis and remove the mistrust between the US and them, but we are totally against that," a Brotherhood deputy told Renters.
The Islamic Struggle Front

first emerged last week when it claimed in a telephone call to a Western news agency in Amman it had thrown a bomb at a Soviet-Jordanian Friendship Society to protest at the influx of Soviet Jews

US rejects Libyan offer WASHINGTON, May 5, (APr. The

State Department rejected yesterday a reported offer by Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi to dismantle a plant that President George Bush's administration says is designed to produce poisco gas. Khaddali has said the plant

produces pharmaceuticals and, according to diplomats, he offered to dismantle the facility if Western countries agreed to replace it.

Asked about Khaddafi's reported offer, State Department deputy

spokesman Richard Boucher said, "I'd like a free pharmaceutical plant. too. This is not a pharmaceutical plant; this is a chemical weapons facility. Khaddafi built it, Khaddafi should dismantle it. We're not attrac-

ted by the offer."

occurred April 27 and at the time the Jordanian yacht was to the east of the Israeli vessel, and was "certainly and definitely not to the south," the direction the Israeli vessel was firing

orders regarding rules of conduct during the passage of King Hussein's yacht" and the Israeli vessels acted in line with those instructions. Military sources said the firing

CIA protection to drug trafficker led to Pan Am disaster: report with the loss of 290 lives, Le Figaro said. furt to London Dec. 21, 1988. obtain the freedom of US hostages held by

PARIS, May 5. (UPI): A Syrian drug trafficker smuggling heroine to the United States from Frankfurt with CIA protection allowed Palestinian terrorists to place a bomb on the Pan Am Boeing 747 that exploded over Lockerbie in 1988 killing 270 people, Le Figaro newspaper

report on the arrests said.

The newspaper quoted Pan Am officials as saying in a report banded to American invesbaying m'a report canded to American investigators that the CIA had 'played with fire' by protecting the smugglers led by multimillionaire. Syrian narcotics dealer Monzer Al Kassar. The CIA hoped to use contacts with the gang to

Muslim fundamentalists in Lebanon, according to the report in the conservative daily.

Al Kassar, who also enjoyed protection from

the West German counter-espionage service BKA, allegedly agreed in late 1988 after a series of meetings in a Lebanese restaurant in Paris to put his smuggling ring at the disposal of the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command. The group, led by Ahmed Jibril, wanted to revenge the downing of an Iranian jetliner by the American cruiser USS Vincennes in the Gulf

Al Kassar Gove from Paris to Frankfurt Nov. 25 taking with him the atmospheric-pres-sure triggered semtex bomb provided by the PFLP-GC that was to be used in the attack on the US jetliner, Le Figaro said, adding that Al Kassar had denied this part of the story and furnished an alibi.

The newspaper said a 20-year-old Lebanese American with Muslim fundamentalist sympathies. Khaled Nazir Jaafar, was used to check a suitcase onto Pan Am Flight 103 from Frank-

After his check-in, Turkish airport employees at Frankfurt working for the drug smuggling ring substituted a Samsonite suitcase contain-ing the bomb for the bag Jaafar had checked, Le

At London Heathrow airport, the Samsonite bag containing the sophisticated born b was not detected. It exploded aboard the maid of the seas at a height of 10,000 metres on the ill-fated flight to New York while over the Scottish town of Lockerbie, killing everyone aboard.



'Doomsday Gun'

Turkish customs officials examina a huge metal pipe at Istanbul Atalurk airport on May 2. Giant metal pipe is expected to be sent to Britain. Matal pipe which is part of a giant 'Doomsday Gun' manufactured for Iraq was seized by Turkish customs on April 19 when it arrived in Islanbul on a Ro-Ro ferry from Romanta. Constanza port. (Reuter wirephoto)

Reds collapse weakens Islam

Muslims facing bleak future

ALGIERS, May 5, (Reuter): The collapse of communism will weaken, not strengthen, the Muslim world, Egyptian writer Fahmi Howeidi has told a conference on the future of The Islamic world is marginal-

ised in the oew map," he argued in a paper presented last night.

The Third World had gained from East-West conflict by playing off the superpowers against each other, Howeidi said.

"North-south dialogue has been replaced by East-West dialogue and resources are being directed to Eas-tern Europe."

Howeidi is among 40 scholars and political leaders from 10 Arab countries attending the conference, which is organised by the Londoo-based Centre for Studies on the Future of

He said more than 90 per cent of the world's one billion Muslims live in poverty and Islamic states as a group were heavily indebted to the West and dependent on con-islamic states for food.

Changes in Eastern Europe showed that a Western liberal model of society, based on Christian, capitalist values, was sweeping the world. Islam had yet to come up with a viable alternative, Howeidi said. "The Islamic world enters the 21st

century with a huge number of peo-ple and giant resources, but difficult economic conditions and near-total dependence on the West," Howeidi said.

"There are two choices now before Muslims: either be crushed by the Western model, or work ont ao independent one."

Christianity has been regenerated in Eastern Europe, he said, and while Islamic militancy grows within in the Muslim world, Christianity spreads faster in Asia and Africa.

Howeidi rejected the view that the decline of communism would make life easier for 100 million Muslims

New chief for Algerian party Dissidents expelled

ALGIERS, May 5. (Renter): The opposition Algerian Renewal Party wound up its first Congress last night by electing as oresident a 40-yearold former journalist who quickly asserted his authority by expelling

party dissidents.

The PRA, due to compete in the country's first free elections in June, adopted a political platform that blends economic liberalism with a modernist vision of Islam. President Noureddine Boukrouh delivered a stinging attack on 27

years of one-party rule by the National Liberation Front and urged

members to prepare for possible legislative elections by year-end.

The PRA is presenting candidates in one-tenth of the country's municipalities and one-third of its provincial districts in June 12 local elections. A party spokesman said it had 17,000 members.

Controversy crupted when a group of delegates, one of whom shouted, "where is democracy", contested the composition of a consultative council that is to select the party leadership.

Earlier, delegates from Guelma and Skikda in the east were expelled from the Congress for "lack of discipline".

The economic platform is close to that of the government, calling for

increased local and foreign investment and controls on state spending while maintaining benefits for the poor.

The party draws inspiration from Islam and Boukrouh proposed creation of a council (Arabic: majlis ijtihaad) to bring Algerian civil law into conformity with Islamic law.

internal charter

Students critical

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY is embarking on a comprehensive study of its internal charter in an attempt to introduce improvements benefitting

The official said that KU is attaching utmost attention to this study.

which is supervised by a technical team. The objective is to redress any mistakes in the current system, by undertaking a careful review and

Commenting on some of the changes that might be adopted, the official said that the university is favourably inclined to approve a proposal to extend the enrolment period to two additional terms,

Shuarb added that KU might eliminate descriptive grade classification and rely on the point system with specifying an honorary degree, if

He went oo to say that academic warnings would be based in the

Commenting, he said, that the amendments as formulated by a special committee, provide for a student to receive a warning at the end

of the first term, as opposed to the original charter which cited the second term-end as the timing for the issuance of such warnings. He added: "The punitive level as per the amendments made by the committee are identical to those which are stipulated in the original

charter and have all aloog been opposed by the students." Further, he said that if this is not redressed, it will lead to an increase of students who

Highlighting his recommendations for arriving at an acceptable formula, Oashaan said that students who complete less than 30 credit hours should get at least an average of 1.67 points to escape receiving warnings. Those who finish over 30 credit hours should be allocated

Cootinuing, he said that there are 1,139 students at the university

who have less than 1.67 points and these represent 39.7 per cent of the

total oumber of students. He disclosed that over 60 per cent of Kuwaiti

students in the university have been entered in the warning list and are

According to the existing charter, be said that students who receive warnings at the end of the first term face dismissal if they fail to remove

the warning during the next term. He called on all officials to intervene

Meetings and dialogues between the administration and the union

have failed to convince the administration to respond to our fair-

demands, Oashaan said. He added that the Kuwaiti Students Unioo is

obliged to consider the charter as the "bone of contention" for

deserving relations with the administration of the university. If no :=

students and use other means to restore rights, he added. 9.313(3) 129-46.

Meanwhile, a statement issued by the union, has invited students to 5.

On the same issue, a local daily reported at a number of Kuwaiti

students at the university have attacked the amendments of the academic charter as instituted in 1986. They lauded the efforts of the students union at arriving on an amicable solution with the administra-

tion of the university.

Students called on the union to offer an objective discussion on this question during the extraordinary meeting of the general assembly.

However, another section of students suggested going on strike to put

pressure on the university to adopt more flexible amendments to the

charter and recommended that the administration should extend more consideration to students who receive warnings to avoid being dismis-

sed. They further criticised the administration for its passive stand and,

response to the demands of the majority tof studeots and disclosed that over 3,500 students in the university, as per the present charter, face

CSC approval awaited

attend the extraordinary general assembly of the union to discuss this issuance. The meeting will be beld today at the Faculty of Law in

amicable solution is arrived at, it will compel the union to stimulate ! ...

would find their names added to the warning list.

to ensure the future of students.

future on cumulative average rather than the student's average in his or her academic major. Shuaib said that the new charter should be announced after the deans committee has reviewed and endorsed it, but declined to give any specific date for ending the study.

In a related development, the deputy chairman of Kuwait Students Union, university branch, Khalaf Al Qashaan criticised the amendments of the academic charter of the university as stipulated in 1986.

alternatives submitted for effective decisions and implementation.

students, KU's rector, Dr Shuaib A. Shuaib said last week.

instead of ooe term over the original four-year period.

Drug addiction in youth attributed to ill-breeding KU re-thinks

'Beware of drugs' study prepared

FAMILY discords, ill-breeding and lack of self-motivation have been attributed among the leading factors contributing to drug addiction among youth in Kuwait, according to a study published by the Educational Research Ceotre of the Ministry of Education entitled

"Beware of Drugs".

The study which was prepared by three researchers at the centre called for setting up a prevenuve scheme to obviate the perils of drug addiction and halt the

spread of this deadly menace.

The study pointed out that the increas-

ing rate of divorce has played a sig-nificant role in spreading this vice among Kuwaiti juveniles. Additionally, it cited a lack of parental supervision unchaperoned travel of youth and unlimited funds without accountability as being directly responsible for the

increase in the use of drugs among youth. The study underscored the importance of combatting this menace through the

offices of the state's different authorities. It highlighted the vital role that educational institutions could play in The study prepared in co-operation with the Criminal Intelligence Department (CID) and Public Relations Depa tment at the Ministry of Interior within the centre's cootributioo in protecting youth from the dire consequences of indulging in drugs.

Entry border points

Kuwait's points of entry bave been anthorised to issue visit visas to owners of companies husinessmen, delegations, tour-istic groups and relatives of expatriates liviog in Kuwait, according to a senior immigradoo official.

The administration has issued these instructions, according to the director-general of the Public Immigration. Administration

visit on a continual basis.

Tourists

Additionally, he said that the administration notified the Touristic Eoterprises Company of its no-objection to issue visit permits for touristic groups, although this category is not mentioned in the residence law. The administration will deal with this category as commercially

person, provided the applicant meets normal conditions,

Teachers dismissal settled yet

THE Ministry of Education has as yet not settled the dismissal issue of some teachers who will be made redunant, a local daily quoted an official source at the Ministry of Education as saying.

The official who was commenting on press news about the dismissal of 500 teachers, said that although this figure has not been defined, the dismissal by the end of the academic year was considered. He clarified that the number of employees to be terminated will be determined in the light of needs which had been defined according to the ministry

Meanwhile, the official dis-

visas at

Immigration Administration Col Abmed Al Wohaib to facilitate entry io emergency cases without the need to refer such cases to the administration.

The official said that the Ministry of Interior has begun issuing entry visas valid for three, six months and one year to businessmen, representatives of companies and merchants who need to

related or aspecial visit category.

Visit cards are issued to any

issue not

He pointed out that the draft budget of the ministry is still under preparation and accordingly any forecasting in respect of the employees to be terminated could be considered as just an

closed that the services of 400 teachers, whose contracts will expire by the end of the current academic year will be termio-

University salaries may be revised

THE RECTOR of Kuwait University, Dr Shuaib Abdullah was quoted as saying that the university is studying the possibility of revising salaries of teaching staff. However, he added that any increase will only come into force after the approval of the Civil Service Council.

Speaking on the issue in an interview with a local daily, the official categorically denied that the university intends to increase the present level of rent allowances.

The official said that his department bad rented about 1.046 bousing units in different areas and commented that the university will evacuate old reoted buildings. He disclosed that last year the university spent KD 826,172 for the purchase of furniture to furnish these apartments. Meanwhile, the official described relations between

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the teaching staff commission and the university administration as co-operative and said that the university had started studying the proposals submitted by the tbc commissioo. These proposals will be referred to the relative councils of the university so as to take necessary action,

Abullah said. In a related development the director of furnishing and housing department at Kuwait University, Dr Sultan Al Sultan said that the department will depend oo local cootractors and suppliers for implementing projects in the



Computer course

Daan of the Technological Studies College Dr Hassan At Tayeb inaugurated recently an advanced training course on programming organised by the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training for a number of government amployees. The course will continua till June 3. The course aims at training the participants on design and axecution of computer programmes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moroccan Crown Prince KUWAIT, May 5, (Kuna): Moroccan Crown Prince Mohammad Bio Al Hassan arrived here today from the UAE on an official four-day visit to Kuwait at the invitation of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Moroccao sources told a local daily here today that Prince Mohammad is cooveying a message from Moroccan monarch King Hassan II to HH the Amir oo latest Arab developments.

Later today, the Moroccan Crown Prince is scheduled to meet with

HH the Amir at Bayan Palace.

Prioce Mohammad will be accompanied by Foreign and Co-opera-tion Minister Abdel Latif Felali and senior Moroccan officials. In Ahu Dbabi, the first stop of his tour, be was reported to have met last night with the United Arah Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin

interpol chief arrives

KUWAIT, May 5, (Kuoa): Interpol's Secretary-General D. Kendal accompanied by the organisation's liaison officer for combatting drugs in the Near and Middle East regions Iqbal Husein arrived here Thursday night oo a few days official visit.

They were received oo arrival by Assistant Interior Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz Ismail Juma and Director of the Arah and International Homicide Department Mohammed Hawshan Al Majed.

The Interpol delegation would discuss with the aforementioned department officials current status of international co-operation within framework of Internal's work.

within framework of Interpol's work.

Discussions would also tackle recommendations on means of fighting criminal activities in the Near and Middle East regions.

Engineers training programme

KUWAIT, May 5, (Kuna): The Kuwaiti Engineers Association today opened the first training programme of the International Union for Automatic Control, Kuwait branch.

The programme is divided into two courses, the first of which will cover water desalination control in the period from May 5 to 16. The second course will focus on the control and operation of power

Head of the branch Dr. Emad Al Ateeki said the courses are to be beld in Kuwait for the first time in co-operation with the association. A selection of professors and academics from Kuwait University, the Public Authjority for Applied Educadoo and Training and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research will lecture the participants, Ateeki

Duriog the courses, the participants will get acquainted with latest developments in automatic control technology in desalination and power stations, be said.

The participants will include engineers from the Ministry of Electricity and other ministries and public authorities in addition to engineers from the Gulf Co-operation Council states.

Planning courses

MINISTER of Planning and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kuwait-based Arab Planning Institute (API) inaugurated yesterday four taining courses to be organised by the Institute for Arab Trainees, a local daily reported.

The first course will deal with the intricacies of management of foreign debts, will last up to May 18th to this year and attended by 8

The second is devoted to project analysis, will last up to May 16 and will involve 16 traioces, while the third will centre on planning of transport and communications and projects evaluation, will last up to

The last will focus on industrial planning and evaluation of industrial projects and last until May 30 with 26 participants.

The inauguration ceremony will be attended by the director-geoeral of the institute, Abdullah Mohammed Ali.

interesting hobby

Pigeons have become an interesting hobby for many people and in addition provides a certain level of Incoma by selling young pigeons whose birth rata Is high and to highlight this issue, a local dally interviewed a number of pigeon lovers.

Ahmed Safi said that ha was attracted to this hobby by his father who was keen on keeping various types of pigaona and consequently, ha got a lot of information about various species. He said that he began his hobby by purchasing three pigeons and this number rapidly multiplied, Exchanging data with other pigeon fans, he said that he raalised that pigaons are prone to infection, particularly during the summar season.

Ha said that during the last ten years of involvement with pigeons, his experienca has greatly increased and ha can judga and select the best kinds. He said that the best species is "Abu Fouta" which fetches a price of between KD 30 to 50

Safi complained that his pigeons had been stolan on several occasions and though ha complained to tha local police stations, he said that they paid no haeds as they claimed such cases ware not impor-

From the courts

Building guard murder case opens

THE CRIMINAL Court holds its first session today to examine a case in which an Egyptian national is indicted of the premeditated murder of his fellow countryman who was employed as a building

The story began when a resident in a building in the Abu Halifa area discovered the body of the guard with oumerous stah wounds.

Investigative authorities, were assisted in their efforts by another guard of a oeigbbouring huilding. He mentioned that a friend had been frequently seen with the victim oo several occasions and that the man lived io Shaab. He further claimed that the victim had arranged with the mao to huy a piece of land in

When a security officer located the man, the accused lost his oerve and immediately admitted to the crime. Lah tests revealed blood stains on the dishdasha, paois and underwear, recently washed by the accused.

Uoder investigation he told police that he used to gamble with the victim wbo was an old friend of his and they also shared prostitutes. On the night of the incident he went to

the dead man's room with a knife hidden under his clothes after be learnt from a telephone call by the victim that he had a woman for pleasure.

He added that he bad sex with the

woman after the victim had done the same and then they spent the night gambling with hundreds of dinars, after the He said: "I managed to win KD 500

from him which be kept as the downpayment for the land he offered to sell me in Egypt, but be would not let me leave unul I agreed to play on, but I refused and theo be insulted me by saying that my wife was a fallen womao.

He added: "This infuriated me and I withdrew the knife that I kept on me and stabbed him while be lay on his bed, but the victim managed to snatch the knife from my hand.

"I then fetched another knife from the kiteben and finished him off," the accused said.

■ THE Criminal Court has completed its deliberations into the case of a man identified as K.A. (25 years of age) who has been accused of suffocating his 18year-old wife (R.A.) who bad been married to the accused for only four

Sentencing has been scheduled for Monday.

The court was told that the defendant wanted to have intercourse with the victim on the day of the crime, but the latter refused claiming that she was unwell. However, around 4.00 am, the accused repeated his demand and wheo refused, he strangled ber with his hare hands.

He tried to escape by catching a hus to Abdali border centre, but was surprised to see police awaiting his arrival. It transpired that the mother of the victim knocked on the bedroom of her

daughter just at dawn and finding no respoose, broke down the door. Seeing her daughter dead, she notified the police who were prompt to act. ■ THE Criminal Court has seotenced a

woman to three years in jail hut gave her the option of paying a fine of KD 100 to suspend the sentence.

The court heard that the woman had bought KD 3.390 worth of gold from a local goldsmith and offered to sell him a building which sbe claimed was in her possession. The understanding was that the value of the gold will be settled as part of the price of the building. As an assurance, she gave him a copy of deed of

proprietorship and a copy of her ID card. He then accompanied her to the huilding site to examine it before arranging for the completion of the selling procedure through a local real estate agent.

The buyer went to the address supplied on the ID card to get the original copies of the deed and ID card and discovered that they belonged to a different woman. Investigations revealed that the

woman had stolen the deed and copy of the identity card of the real owner to commit the act of fraud and obtain the gold, which she bad already sold and settled her so-called personal debt.

■ THE Criminal Court sentenced an accused identified as Nashaya to three years rigorous imprisonment io absentia oo charge of embezziement. The court beard that defendant was working in a travel company, and had pocketed the proceeds of the sale of 126 air tickets and left the country.

The crime was discovered when some airlioes urged the company to pay the costs of the issued tickets. The director of the company notified police and accused the defendant of embezzlement and forging receipts.

■ THE CID men at Salmiya police centre arrested a dangerous criminal on charge of trading in narcotics identified as S.A. three days ago. The investiga-tioos of CID men showed that the criminal was trading in narcotics in the Salmiya area. The CID officer agreed with a secret agent to buy a big quantity of hashish from the defendant.

The agent was given marked police banknotes which were recovered from the accused immediately the transactiions was completed.

A search of the defendant's premises revealed a large quantity of hashish.

■ THE Court of Misdemeanours sentenced one Salman to two months rigorous imprisonment for being drunk and for threatening to explode Shuaiba Industrial Area. The court sentenced him to one month in jail on the first charge and another month for the second.

But the defendant appealed the sentence before the Court of Appeal that changed the sentence to 15 days imprisonment for each charge. Later the Cassation Court acquitted the defendant of charge of threatening to explode Shuaiba area claiming that the defendant did not intend to carry out his threat and said it only to defend himself. The court also decided to suspend sentence of 15 days imprisonment for being drunk to three years probation on the undertaking that the defendant submitted a pledge of good

■ SECURITYMEN at the Coast Guards Department bave arrested a number of infiltrators attempting to sneak into the country.

The hust was made inside Kuwait's territorial waters as a small boat carrying eight people sailing close to Kubbar Island raised the suspicions of a passing

patrol.

The men were referred to the competent security authorities. ■ THE Court of Misdemeanours sen-

tenced a man to one year imprisonment

■ THE Traffic Court fined a driver KD 125 and ordered the withdrawal of his driving licence for six months for breaking the red traffic light and knocking down a pedestrian who was crossing the road. The court was told that the driver hroke the red traffic light and hit a man who was crossing to the other side of the road. But the injuries inflicted on the man were simple ooes. The driver denied that he broke the red traffic light hut confessed he was overspeeding and that he hit the man.

■ THE Criminal Court sentenced a man in absentia to life imprisonment with hard labour and ordered his deportation from the couotry for murdering his brother-in-law. The court also sentenced the accused's father to six months imprisonmeot and acquitted his sister, the wife of the deceased. The court was told that the deceased identified as Hasan was murdered in the Friday market. A man driving his car oear the market saw a gathering of people and from among them stood Hasan with the knife still in his body. The driver took him to Kheitan medical ceotre and oo the way Hasan told the driver that it was his hrother-inlaw who stabbed him.

On further investigation, the court learnt that the deceased was murdered for refusing to divorce his wife, the sister of the murderer. Hasan went to her father asking to marry ber but the father refused. But he made an agreement with her brother, the murderer, and all went to Iraq where Hasan married ber. Oo returning to Kuwait, the father threatened Hasan with murder if be did not divorce his daughter. Hasan refused. The court was told that the father instigated his son Munadel, the murderer, to kill Hasan and hedid. After that be immediately fled away to Iraq. The court issued the verdiet on Munadel in absentia.



Regular aid provided to needy: Salem Grant women the

Adopt-a-family scheme begun

By Dawzi Al Tamomi

THE chairman of the Zakat and Handout Committee at the Kuwait Society for the Revival of Islamic Heritage Abdul Jahbar Salem has said that the Clothing of the Needy project implemented at home is intended, among other things, to enable the charity-giver to follow up the process of distributing handouts to qualified ben-

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He told Al Seyassah that the donor, by allowing for a monthly deduction of his pay as handout, will be able to appreciate

the tangible results of his financial support of the needy family, under this project, which provides regular aid to poor

Salem said that the committee decided over a series of meetings to specify KD30 and KD50 as regular monthly payment by donors wishing to provide regular aid to needy families, and that the donor will be provided with periodical reports highlighting the improvement curve of the family he is supporting, without identifying this

He said that on certain occasions the committee allocates a number of monthly deductions by different donors for one family, which require greater financial help due to social and economic factors.

He pointed out that a total of 597 needy families is currently on the committee's list for regular monthly aid, and the total number of beneficiaries (among orphans) is 3,125, while more than 3,176 people receive irregular monthly aid.

He said that the eight other sub-committees operating under the committee are involved in raising money, handouts and

donations from various locations in the country to send to Muslims in dire strait everywhere in the world.

He added that these committees are also in charge of collecting sacrificial meal for distribution among the needy and the residents of disaster areas anywhere in the

He expressed satisfaction with the level of enthusiasm and commitment exhibited by charity-givers and the performance of the sub-committee members to collect and distribute donations to the needy in and

India

Festival

winners

Following are the prize winners of the lucky draw held on 4-5-1990 at Kazma Stadium

in connection with India Fes-

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4. A. Shahul Hameed

6. Suhair Al Roshaid

7. Iona M. Fernandes

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10. Parinita Tandon

11. G. Ganeswara Rao

13. Maloor Kadavan Sanad

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14. G. Thomas

15. R.C. Kalasi

16. B.M. Amanna

5. A. Fakir Mohammed

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Lebanon aid

A convoy of trucks loaded with the second batch of Kuwaiti reliaf materials ordered by His Highness the Amir to Lebanon left yesterday for that country.

The 40-truck convoyincludes foodstuffs, medicine end madical equipment. The first batch was hended to concerned Lebanese authorities before Eid Al Fitr end the third batch will be dispetched within the coming The diwar of His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier supervises the transport and delivery of those materials to the concerned Labenese authorities.

Agro-production societies

Substantial contribution to food security strategy

THE director of the co-opera-tion department at the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry Mohammad Al Kandari has said that the agricultural cooperative structure in Kuwait contains four societies. Two agro-production societies are located in Wafra and Abdali, and two animal production societi one for poultry keepers and the other for animal resources is also

in these areas. He fold a local daily that these societies operate under the umbrella of the Kuwait Union for Co-operative Agro-produc-tion Societies, and have so far contributed to different econ-omic and social activities and catered substantially to the implementation of the local food security strategy.

He said that the agro-production societies have contributed largely to increasing the number of plant production farms from 293 in 1980 to 945 in 1988, and helped raise the number of animal production farms from 150 in 1988 to 2,772 in 1986.

Contributions Kandari pointed out that these societies contribute substantially to the implementation of the local food security strategy which resulted in meeting 57 per cent of the local demand for table eggs, 46.5 per cent of hroiler chicken, 11.3 per cent mutton, 35.2 per cent fresh milk, 9.1 per cent beef, 10 per cent diary products, 49 per cent tomatoes, 58 per cent eucumber, 41 per cent other fresh vegetables and 32 per cent of total need for vegetables

and 24 per cent dry fodder and 74

per cent green fodder. He said that the agro-produc-

tion society run 96 different branches as marketing sites for member products, and provided various services to members and Kandari pointed out that the

Wafra society runs 25 branches, Abdali 20 branches, poultry keepers 22 branches, animal resources 29 brances, besides setting up a number of central markets in Wafra and Abdali to meet the needs of the members and workers for foodstuffs and other consumer commodities.

Provisions

He further added that the production societies provided machines, equipment and other facilities, including seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to support agricultural, animal production and poultry projects for places within the areas.

These societies provided maintenance and repair services to agricultural equipment on work-ing sites in co-ordination and cooperation with the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Kandari said.

He also said that these societies provided fodder for poultry raisers and animal keepers as well as making available required transport means from farms tomarketing centres.

The Co-operative Savings Society's primary function is to increase the economic potentials of societies and enable them to round up their resources in economic venues able to meet their. requirements and needs, Kan-

Meanwhile, a study submitted to the Arah Union of Food Industries has said that the total amount of sheep-and goatrelated food industries during the period from 1979-1981 is estimated at about 3,015,000 tons, and that it increased to 3,487,000 tons in 1986.

The report said that the production in Sudan was highest reaching 30 per cent, while Syria came next at 23 per cent with a total output of 368,000 tons. The amount increased to 1,892,000 tons in the Sudan during 1986, at 31.7 per cent and to 23.8 per cent

in Syria.

The report also pointed out that the goat milk industries during the period from 1973 to 1981 estimated at 1,412,000 tons increased to 1,595,000 tons in 1986, and Sudan came first at 33 per cent while Somalia came next at 20 per cent during the period from 1978-1981-1986 and the percentage varied in the remain-

ing Arah countries. The report stressed that the variation between the total number of animal heads and the output volume of related industries is ascribable to factors covering the difference of animal species, specifications of the produce, size of the animal and animal productivity season.

The report said that the nutritional value of sheep and goat related dairy products was higher than in the cow dairy

products, which is why cheese, yoghurt and other dairy products produced from goat and sheep milk.

Palestinian health to be discussed at WHA

GENEVA, May 5, (Kuna): Among the items to be considered by the forty-third World Health Assembly (WHA) which opens in Geneva at noon on Monday, May 7, 1990, will be health conditions of the Arah population in the occupied Arab territories and membership of the state of Palestine to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The opening session of the health assembly, which will be attended by some 1,200 delegates representing the 167 members states of WHO, will

be presided over by the president of the forty-second WHA. Professor Chen Minzhang, Minister of Public Health of China. The question of Palestine's membership to WHO has been faced by

bitter opposition from the United States, which has threatened to withdraw from WHO if that state is admitted as a full member. Palestine argues that it is only claiming its rights as defined in the constitution of WHO.

The issue dominated deliberations of the 1989 session of WHA, and amid much disagreement and in-fighting it was decided to defer consideration of the item for one year.

WHA will also review the hiennial report of the director-general on the work of WHO during the period 1988-89, in which he has placed particular emphasis on the relationship between the world economy and health development, the environment and health, nutrition, and the relationship between the control of various diseases of public health consequence and the overall health delivery system.

Agenda

Other items of consideration on the agenda include: a progress report on the global strategy for the prevention and control of Aids, and a similar report on research and transfer of technology to national health services within the context of the special programme for research and training on tropical diseases.

The assembly will also review the safe disposal of hazardous wastes, the work of the action programme on essential drugs, and strengthening of technical and economic support to countries facing serious

Further, WHA will consider collaboration within the United Nations system including an item proposed by the Libyan Arab Jamabiriya to consider the question of mines laid during wartime and their adverse effects on health and people.

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claim their prize.

for rape

SECURITY authorities are currently investigating the case of a young video shop assistant who has been raped by three men living in the governorate of

The story began when one of the criminals called the girl and told her that the video tapes he had hired from her shop were not showing clearly on his TV set and that he wanted her to come over and check for herself, and hring him another collection of tapes.

The girl innocently went over to the house and when the door was opened she was pushed inside violently and raped hy three men, whose ages are 42, 36

When the crime was over, the victim told her family what had happened and her father reported the incident to the police station in Nugra. A police squad immediately went over to the address given by the victim and picked up all three criminals.

Meanwhile, the once-virgin vicum has been referred for forensic examination, while the criminals continue to be questioned before referral to the public prosecution.

Istimara investigations

ONGOING investigations hy the Kuwaiti Public Prosecution Office into the recent "istimara hribery case" have indicted an officer who holds the rank of colonel in the traffic department, along with the main defendant identified as Abu Zuhair, a Jordanian national and 68 other defendants.

Disclosing this information, a local daily disclosed that new developments have revealed the involvement of a new major defendaot identified as Ahu Emad, alos of Jordanian nation-

The daily said that Ahu Zuhair arranged with people wanting to have istimaras and introduced them to Abu Emad who in turn arranged for an appointment with the colonel.

During the course of the interview, the colonel displayed total ignorance of any bribe, but indicated that he was giving them the istimara on humanitarian grouods.

Bribes paid by the applicants were distributed between the three accused, with the lion's share going to the colonel. The daily said that the colonel's share was paid to him at his private driving school identified as Al Aqsa School in the Al Surra area.

vote: Behbehani

Representation for larger segment

By Fathima Ahmed Arah Times staff

PROMINENT Kuwaiti political analyst has urged the authorities to grant voting rights to women as they are a productive sector of the society.

Kuwait University political analyst Dr Hashem Behbehani said the authorities "should give the right of vote to women as they are productive and (have been) contributing constructively to build society.

About one third of the total Kuwaiti male population is eligi-hle 10 vote in elections. Kuwaitis comprise 28 per cent of the population. If women can participate in the political process, the interim council members would represent a larger segment

Oxford-educated Dr Behbehani, who has written extensively on Kuwaiti and Arah politics, said there was also a need to give suffrage to naturalised Kuwaitis. whom he believes are now a part

of the society.
"I think, hy now, naturalised Kuwaitis should have their say; they are Kuwaitis. But the problem with this has nothing to do with the executive hranch; the legislators did not accept this opinion of unifying Kuwait."

He believes future legislators must be progressive and be able to look beyond personal interests.

Continuation

He said the interim council announced by HH the Amir on April 22 is a "continuation of the parliamentary system in Kuwait".

In the background of the unstable regional situation, "it was too much to ask (the government) to act according to the wishes of certain former deputies," he said.

He described the interim council as a "proposal to satisfy all Kuwaitis — those who are proparliamentary and those who are against the parliamentary sys-

Adjustments

"This is a new system; we, in Kuwait, have to adjust to our done before; now it's about time we sit and talk about these mistakes; it may take long hnt this is a range of political life," he said.

In the body politic of Kuwait



"Father of the Nation" and the security and stability of the country eannot he ignored, he explained. The interim council, he said, gives Kuwait "some form of democracy" while respecting its political ideals.

Commenting on the failure of previous parliamentary experiments, he said the elected members were not "upto the standard" from the point of view of the Kuwaiti personality.

Mistakes

In this context, he said "The Kuwaiti executive hranch is more progressive than the legislative branch."

Other."mistakes "included ther: practice hy some former parliamentarians who considered "their personalised experience as the ultimate (criterion) for decision making". As Kuwait is a family hased society, certain MPs put the interest of family before state: and parliamentarians dic not

He said it is imperative that future members of the interim council are eligible to "tackle issues that are important to the future of Kuwait" and can "per-

ceive the agonies of the country

to find solutions". New parliamentarians cannot afford to be "sectarian, regional or (have) one-track political minds," he said.

The electorate has to bear the responsibility of being "eclectie" in choosing the members of the

He said the interim council would have to focus on one vital issue: the question of "needy families", who require a place in: the social fabric to express their

The four-year duration, he said, was much needed "Kuwaiti hlood needs to be rejuvenated. In the coming four years, we can discuss where weare and where we will be going in the future."

Fahaheel tops with 34 candidates

(Continued from Page 1)

sixth day: 1st constituency-Sharq

Khaleel Ibraheem Al Radi Abdul Hameed Mohammed Bou 4th constituency - Da'va Abdul Rahaman Nnuh Al Mishal

6th constituency — Faiha Fouzi Khaled Al Essa Saleh Hmoud Al Shaceji Hussain Naser Al Wnhaib

8th constituency — Hawalli Kamel Abdulla Al Saleh Abdut Rahman Mohamed Al Gah-Mohamed Rashed Al Hifeeri

--- Rowda Moubarak Jasser Al Ayaf Rashed Ali Bou Jara Fahed Saleh Boudai

9th constituency

10th constituency --- Adailiya Ynusef Saleh Al Najdi Hussain Rashed Al Gais

12th constituency -Salmiya

Rashed Awad Al Jnuwaisiri

13th constituency - Rumaithiva Jassem Mohamed Gabazard Othman Sayed Al Sayed Omar Fadel Mohamed Al Shatti

15th constituency — Farwaniya Jassar Garceb Al Rasheedi Khaled Faleh Al Balool

16th constituency — Omariya

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Mohamed Khalaf Imhaimil

19th constituency -New Jahra Ali Farraj Al Shimari Naser Saad Al Rasheedi

Saif Fahed Al Azemi Mishal Maini Al Dalmani 20th constituency — Jahra

Salem Zaman Al Sulaimani

Hadi Mohamed Al Inezi

Hammad Abdul Mnhsen Al Ajmi

Salem Znaifir Al Ajmi

Saad Fahed Al Bous Mohamed Hammad Al Rasheedi 22nd constituency — Riga

21st constituency

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Eid Mohamed Al Ajmi Fahed Jad'an Al Azemi Rashed Blaiq Al Azemi Rashed Blaiq Al Azemi Hameedi Abdullateef Al Daihani

23th constituency -Sabahiya Khalaf Rifa'i Al Azemi Nayef Mohamed Abnu Hamada Hayef Ayed Al Maimouni Nasser Rifa'i Al Dousari

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GCC schools Maths courses may be

THE director of the GCC Arah Educational Research Centre Mohammed Abdullah Al Sane has said that the centre has prepared a special study highlighting the possibility of unifying and developing maths cour-ses at GCC secondary schools.

He told a local daily that the study shed light on the obstacles facing the process which included the multiplicity and great difference among the exist-ing courses, the difference among the academic plans enforced in each country, and variance in maths classes scheduling systems.

included the need to cater for talented students while keeping low-performing students located in high-density classrooms, in mind never forgetting the ability of the teacher and the time and effort needed to accommodate for both types of students. He further added that the study recommended ways of overcoming the existing problems one of which is to unify

Sane said that other problems

proniens one of which is to unity courses applied in the general educational system, in other words the two-term system as opposed to the credit-hour system.

He added that according to the study the only way to sort out the prohiems resulting from the difference of teaching systems is to ference of teaching systems is to attempt to unify these plans as much as possible or eliminate the

difference factors and retain the

points shared. He also said that the attention to talented and low-performing students expressed through the publication of manuals for each stage containing additional readding material intended to deepen certain important concepts meant for talented students and recommending methods of enriching knowledge, while recommending remedy courses for lowperforming students and ways to improve their performance.

UAE-Algerian

ABU DHABI, May 5, (Kuna): The third meeting for the United Arab Emirates-Algeria's joint commission opens here today and will be co-chaired by the two countries' economy ministers.

The Algerian Minister Ghazi Haydoussi and UAE Sayf Al Jarwan will discuss bilateral cooperation and means of boosting it through a number of proposals presented to the commission by the two sides.

The Algerian minister arrived

here last night on an official fourday visit to UAE. 4 boys get 7 years each for attempted murder of friend

THE Criminal Court sentenced four teenagers to seven years each in jail with hard lahour for the attempted premeditated murder of their colleague.

The ngly crime took place in the mosque, as the victim was performing his Asr prayers, the criminals charged at him stabbing him with blades, screwdrivers and hitting him with the wooden Xshaped hook stands. Intervention of worshippers helped to stop the criminals from finishing the victim off

and hospitalised him just in The court learnt that the criminals nursed a rancour against the victim, aged 17, following a fight that broke out between him and one of the criminals the day before over the mid-term exam results posted on the school

notice board. The court reportedly reduced its sentence to seven years in jail after the victim had dropped the case.

New design for Kuwaiti passports

THE ad hoc committee formed several months back by the Minister of the Interior Sheikh Salem Al Sabah under the chairmanship of the assistant undersecretary for nationality and travel document affairs Sheikh Mohammad Al Khaled Al Sabah is about to finish laying down the final specifications for the proposed new Kuwaiti passport which will replace the exist-

A local daily, quoting government sources, said that the committee has initially approved the recommended design-format of the proposed new passport which was prepared in line with international standards. The new format is intended to minimise the chances of forgery or

tampering with its details. The paper learnt that the new passport is expected to be approved by the relevant senior government officials in early October.

The new passport is reportedly blue in colour, smaller in size, with more pages in different colours and the Kuwaiti national emblem is printed on each page.

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Thought for today

NO MAN is rich enough to buy back his past — Oscar Wilde, irish-born writer (1854-1900).

OPINION

Activation of economy vital

DURING the past few months, the Kuwaiti arena was the scene of political controversies on the issue of the return of parliament. However, the issue has now abated with the order to elect members to the Interim National Council and discussions are now centred on

Thus, one very vital issue remains outstanding — the activation of the local economy. It is unimaginable to picture the Kuwait Stock Market continuing to retreat despite all financial indicators being good as compared to other countries. The real estate and commercial sectors have positively picked up and only the stock market remains to follow. Poignantly, one of the most vital Kuwaiti economic pillars is the number of companies and banks that trade their shares in the Stock

The outcome of the Kuwaiti economic struggle during the past 40 years is represented in these fixed economic establishments like banks and investment companies. The drop in the values of these assets or the prices of their shares will adversely influence the performance of the In this context, it must be pointed out that the government has

supported the real estate sector by pumping one hillion dinar on real estate purchases and will pay this amount over the next five years. If the state had dealt similarly with the shares sector, the value of these assets would have appreciated and size of debts reduced. We have to remember that political turmoil is in part caused hy

conditions of its citizens, particularly if it is capable. The state can achieve this through developing those economic sectors hit solely due to lack of trust. The retreat in value of these sectors does not necessarily mean that they are unable to perform well. All that is called for is correct understanding of their problems. We should also realise that the various economic sectors are inter-related and influence

What we exactly need now after the abatement of political controversies and turmoil is to pay great attention to improving the performance of the Kuwait Stock Market, reactivate the transit trade and boost

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Nationalist flag over Ukraine Radicals in power

LVOV. Soviet Union. (Reuter): When a group of dissidents came to power in the Western Ukrainian city of Lvov last month, the first thing they did was fly the Ukrainian nationalist flag over the city council meeting hall.

There has been trouble with higher Soviet authorities ever since. The chief Ukrainian prosecutor in Kiev, the capital, declared the action unconstitutional. Lyov's new leaders responded on April 28 by making the hlue-and-yellow banner the region's official flag — and hundreds of them were paraded through the city's streets on May Day.

"Last year just a few people dared to wave this flag on the first of May. Today we have a whole stadium full of them," Lvov Mayor Vasil Shpitser, who took an oath on the Bihle when he was sworn into office in April, told the holiday rally.

Bridgehead

Long a centre of nationalist dissent, Lvov has emerged as a bridgehead from which pro-independence forces are fighting for the gradual "liberation" of the Ukraine from Soviet control.

Since radicals on the "democratic bloc" ticket won the majority in the March elections in Lvov and two neighbouring regions, Ternopol and ivano-Frankovsk, they have been fighting the local communists and Kiev over the symbols and levers of power.

"We have the formal power but the (communist) Party still has plenty of real power," said Vyacheslav Chornovil, a former dissident journalist who is now chairman of the Lvov Regional Council. The party can lean on the republican power to call off our

decisions," said Chornovil, who spent 15 years in prison for his views. "It can also try to sabotage our decisions because it bas people at every

With more than five million people, the Western Ukraine is as populous as Lithuania and Estonia combined. But if the desire for independence were to spread to the rest of the republic, where democratic bloc candidates did not do as well in the elections for local councils and the Ukrainian Parliament, the risk to Moscow would be much greater than that of Baltic secession.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1527 — Troops under Charles, Duke of Bourhon, mutiny, kill the Duke and pillage Rome, killing about 4,000 inhabitants. 1576 — Fifth war of Religion in France ends by peace of Monsieur.

1757 — Prussia's King Frederick II defeats Holy Roman Empire forces at Prague.

1839 — Britain's House of Commons passes bill to suspend Jamaica's constitution after riots due to emancipation of

1877 — Britain sends Russia note warning it against attempted hlockade of Suez or occupation of Egypt.

1882 — United States bans Chinese immigration for ten years. 1913 - Montenegro's King Nicholas yields Scutari to Central Powers until Albanian government is created.

1932 - France's president Paul Doumer is murdered by Pussian immigrant. 1:37 — German dirigible Hindenburg explodes and hurns on

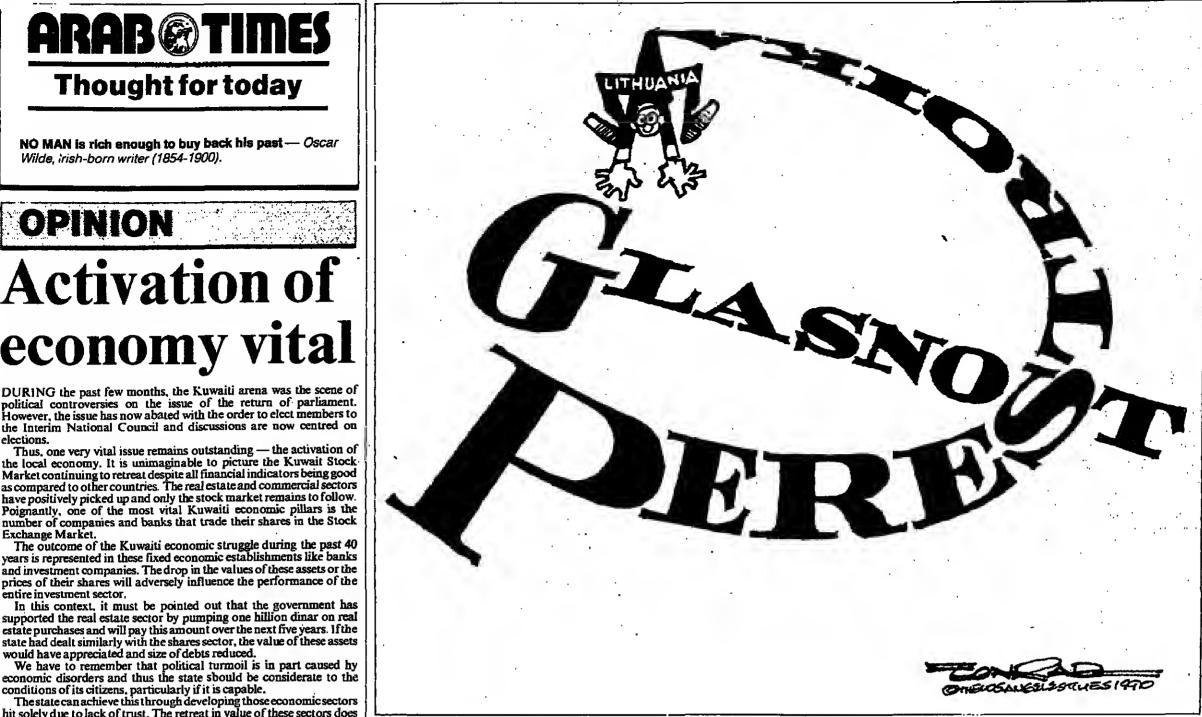
landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 passengers. 1941 — Josef Stalin becomes Soviet premier, succeeding V.M. Molotov.

1942 — US Filipino forces on island of Corregidor in Manila bay surrender to Japanese in World War 11.

196 - South Africa passes Bantu laws amendment bill. 1970 - Earthquake strikes northeastern Italy, about 900 bodies are recovered and 400 people are reported missing. 1978 - UN Secretary Council condemns South Africa for invading Angola and demands withdrawal.

1988 — Church and mediators condemn police raid on striking steelworkers in southern Poland.

1989 - Chinese students send new appeal to government and Communist Party for a dialogue on their demands for democracy and end to corruption.



Crisis brings snags out to light

Tito tenure under scrutiny

BELGRADL, (Reuter): Ten years after the death of Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslavia faces a crisis that could tear it apart and critics are calling the achievements of his 35-year rule into question.

Traffic came to a halt and sirens wailed at 3.05 pm (1305 GMT) on Friday afternoon to commemorate the former leader's death at that moment on May 4,

Tito founded Yugoslavia as a communist state and dominated water word was a communist state and dominated water word was a community that a deep economic and political crisis and recent attacks by dissident historians and former colleagues have badly dented his image.

Survival

The ruling Communist Party is fighting for survival after losing power in two of the Balkan federation's six republics to parties which threaten to hreak from Yugoslavia. It faces high inflation, violent unrest and growing nationalism.

Yugoslavia is on the verge of complete breakdown as an idea and as a state," Franjo Tudjman, leader of the right-wing Croatian Democratic Union (CDU), said after crushing the communists in parliamentary elections in Croatia last week.

Disintegration, conflicts and stagnation have brought Yugoslavia to the crossroads of a dilemma: to fundamentally change or to split," Milovan Diilas, a former Tito aide who became a dissident, wrote last week.

Gone are the days during Tito's lifetime when Yugoslavia led reform in the communist world with its unique blend of decentralised communism and non-alignment that earned it respect and influence

in the East, West and the developing world. The democratic political changes sweeping away communism in the rest of Eastern Europe in the last year have gradually made Yugoslavia's communist rulers more isolated and fuelled anger at home at what now seems the slow pace of reform.

Solving the problems is difficult under the political system Tito created. Yugoslavia's top republics and two provinces to stop any region dominating the country and keep a balance of

Critics say the system is flawed because it creates a public impression of weakness and encourages a leader simply to try to survive his year in office without disaster. Also, the ousting of communists in Croatia and Slovenia, the two most economically developing

republics, has radically altered the balance of power by creating an anti-communist power base in the Both Slovenia and Croatia want Yugoslavia to

become a confederation, a looser union allowing more regional automomy, and resist what they say are attempts by Serbia, the biggest republic, to take control of all Yugoslavia. "We hope a balance will remain and that it will be

possible to work out a democratic deal on how to live in Yugoslavia. If that does not work, maybe we will all conclude that it would be best to go on separately.

Many Yugoslavs fear a violent confrontation between Serhia and Croatia, the two main centres of

Nationalism has risen since Tito's death and clashes have flared in the last 13 months in southern Kosovo province. At least 56 people have been killed as ethnic Alhanians demanded more independence from Serhia, of which Kosovo is a part.

Some Yugoslavs still admire Tito for leading the underground resistance against the Italian and German invaders in World War II, standing firm against the Soviet Union which broke ties in 1948, and making Yugoslavia a leader of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Display

Many offices and shops display his portrait and communist leaders officially revere him.

But both Tito's foreign and domestic policies have come under fire. In the latest attack, newspapers have accused him of ordering the brutal treatment of pro-Soviet communists in concentration camps after the 1948 split.

Pressure groups are demanding that eight towns and cities named after Tito be given back their old names. These include Titograd, capital of the

Yugoslavia's communist rulers' answer to the economic problems is Western-style market-oriented reforms that will include factory closures and mass redundancies.

They want closer integration with Western Europe, including membership of the European Economic Community, and propose federal multiparty elections by the end of the year in which they would face a huge task trying to keep their 45-year grip on power.

But the Communist Party is so split that it may not even exist in its present form by the time the elections are held and the shape of the wbole country could have changed dramatically.

"It's impossible to predict how Yugoslavia will

look at the end of this year," a Western diplomat. said. "It may be a federation, a confederation or it

Ben Ali employs two-edged style

TUNIS, (Reuter): President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali of Tunisia, in a gesture characteristic of his 30month reign, has offered his opponents a concession to keep alive hopes of change while simultaneously keeping a tight grip on the reins of power.

Ben Ali, 53, promised in a May Day speech unspecified measures to make it easier for opposition parties to break the ruling party's monopoly of seats in Parliament.

He coupled it with a warning that he alone would decide the pace and course of democratic reform "unaffected by all forms of pressure or political manoeuvring.

Facade

The promise was symbolic of a reform process which his supporters say is sincere hut cautious and his critics dismiss as a facade to disguise a form of

Ben Ali took power constitutionally in November 1987 by having former president Habih Bourguiba declared unfit to rule through old age and ill health. He based his legitimacy on promises of multi-

party democracy, saying Tunisians were now mature enough to do without the paternalistic style of government which Bourguiba represented.

But his boneymoon with the country's "political class" was brief and old-style police tactics soon reemerged as a method for dealing with politicians who refused to fit in with the government's vision of democracy managed from above.

In the general elections of April 1989, the new system's first test in the field, the ruling party won all 141 seats in Parliament. The government denied opposition allegations that there were widespread

Disenchanted Tunisians now say the turn of events was probably inevitable, given Ben Ali's background as a military and security man associated with Bourguiba's one-party system. Menages

Ben Ali himself has said he manages the country from a computer in his private office, filled with data and with the instructions he has given to his ministers and subordinates.

He seldom ventures out of his presidential palace in the Tunis suburh of Carthage and his only visits to the provinces have been hrief and unannounced. without the crowds which Bourguiba attracted wben he toured the country.

Ben Ali has never addressed the nation without a prepared text or in the colourful language and he broke off his sole news conference, in New York last year, before it ended.

Government officials argue that the President is a committed democrat who faces resistance to change from inside the ruling Democratic Constitutional Union and a powerful Islamist movement which would undo all his democratic reforms if it came to

But Ben Ali bas also alienated the secular left, who

might count among his allies. Three left-of-centre parties last month announced plans to form a broad democratic front to capture the middle ground between the ruling party and the Islamists.

The unrecognised Islamic movement Nahdha (Renaissance), whose sympathisers won 13 per cent of the popular vote in general elections in April 1989, has emerged as the only serious challenge to Ben Ali's government. Ruling party leaders now devote most of their

speeches to virulent attacks on its alleged intentions.
One president adviser said the Nahdha had been infiltrated by Iranian-style Shiite Muslims and Secretary of State for Religious Affairs Ali Chebbi, the mouthpiece of official Islam, accused its leaders of posing as intermediaries with God.

Newspaper

Al Fajr, Nahdha's weekly newspaper whose appearance is itself a concession to the movement's popularity, last week described the campaign as hysterical and gratuitous and called for a serious

In his May Day speech Ben Ali tried to redirect the political debate away from religion, the dominant theme, back to economics, where the ruling party is on safer ground.

But some diplomats and political scientists say a head-on collision with the Islamic movement may

Letters to the editor

Successful effort

SIR: The inaugural function of 400 years of Hyderabad (Deccan) which took place on May 4, at Jaleeb Shuyoukh grounds was amazing and colourful. H.E. the Ambassador of India graced this function with his

The credit goes to the organising committee for their efforts to make this function a success. All

Hyderabadi's flew in the mood of celebrating the 400 vears of Hyderabad.

Dr Naidu, convenor of sports, Mr Mohd Karim Irfan, joint convenor of sports organised the sports within the limitation and really appreciable of their round the clock efforts to make this event of sports a success of target. The games of adults and children were in a well organised manner.

I hope the remaining events of celebration shall be

more successful

Mohd. Basheeruddin, Safat.

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Liberia Full-scale wa war could develop

Doe is facing the toughest fight of a stormy decade in power as rebels advance closer to the capital Mon-rovia, but even if he triumphs he will rule a crippled economy and a divided panon.

Most American and European residents have fled his West African country and diplomats believe the conflict is about to intensify. Some fear all-out tribal

"The situation has so polarised the nation on a tribal basis that it will take a long time to heal the wounds and it will take an even longer time to get the nation back on a sound economic footing," one

Doe, survivor of several coup and assassination attempts, said on Monday that he wanted to end the conflict peacefully, hut both sides have issued "I will in two weeks deal with the situation militarily," Doe said on April 25.

"I'm not hiding, I'm coming to Monrovia;" rebei leader Charles Taylor retorted a day later. The rebels, mostly from the Gio and Mano tribes. are several hundred strong and well armed. Travellers say they have blocked the main road to Nimba County, northeast Liberia, and virtually split

the country in two.

Some say they have advanced to within striking distance of the port of Buchanan, 75 miles (120 km) southeast of Monrovia. Telephone lines to the city

Diplomats say the last thing Liberia needs is ethnic war between Gios and Manos and members of Doe's Krahn tribe. But hundreds have been killed on both sides since the uprising began last December near the border with Ivory Coast.

"Even if Doe wins, the country still loses because US aid is closing and businesses are folding," one

Liberia, dependent on iron ore for more than half of its export earnings, is on the verge of economic The International Monetary Fund declared Liberia to be "non-cooperating" earlier this year, the last step before expulsion from the agency.

Mining

Iron ore mining has almost stopped as because of the uprising, thousands of farmers have abandoned rubber and other plantanous and more than 150,000 people have escaped the fighting to Guinea and Ivory

Coast.

The United States, Britain and other Western governments have urged their nationals to leave the country, founded by freed American slaves in 1847. "Even if Doe wins, past experience has shown that there could be a price to pay in the form of recriminations," one analyst said.

This could have further consequences for foreign

aid, which has already been sharply cut because of the country's poor debt repayment record and concern over human rights abuses. President Bush last week suspended Liberia from

US trade benefits because of human rights abuses and the House of Representatives condemned violence against citizens by Liberian government forces.

Liberia was the largest recipient of US aid in hlack
Africa under the Reagan administration, receiving
\$500 million. Aid in 1990 is expected to be below 20

Some foreigners remain committed to Liberia, notably about 5,000 Lebanese traders who fied the

"We ran away from one fight to get into another. What is the use of running," one said.

Salvadorean forces' rights record tainted

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): A US congressional report on the massacre of six Jesuit priests in El Salvador has underscored Washington's failure to tame the Salvadorean military, which has for the last decade received US advice, aid and training. The report, by a task force made up of 19 members

of the House of Representatives, said the Salvadorean Armed Forces continued to abuse human rights "despite receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in US aid and training over the past According to the task force, which conducted

six Jesuits amounted to an indictment of the Salvadorean Armed Forces as an institution. Secretary of State James Baker told a Senate panel on that US aid to El Salvador will be affected by the way the government of President Alfredo Cristiani

extensive interviews in El Salvador, the killing of the

handles its investigation into the murder of the Human rights organisations have blamed the Salvadorean military for murdering thousands of civilians since the country's deep-rooted social, econ-omic and political problems flared into civil war.

Last year, the New York-based rights group Americas Watch accused the administration of

President George Bush of glossing over "imspeakable abuses" by the military to protect continued assistance in the fight against Marxist-led rebels. There have been periodic threats from Washington to cut off US aid — running at more than \$1 million a day for the past 10 years - unless the 60,000 strong

armed forces unproved their behaviour. But even the 1980 murder of four American rums by Salvadorean soldiers, an incident which outraged the American public, prompted no more than a five-week suspension of US aid. In the years since, the powerful military have routinely shrugged off US

The task force report stemmed from the murder of six Jesuit priests, including the reactor of the Jesuitrun Central American University, during a large-scale offensive by left-wing insurgents last Novem-

The six were dragged from their beds and shot atclose range on the university campus.

Eight members of the Salvadorean military have been detained for complicity in the massacre but the congressional report expressed doubt that justice would ever been done.

It said the Salvadorean investigation had made no significant progress and little effort to find out whether high-ranking officers had ordered the murder or covered it up. Critics of US policy in El Salvador blame human

rights abuses in part on the tendency of successive American administrations to look the other way, declared there was progress when there was none, and continue giving aid.
In the early 1980s, US aid to El Salvador was ned to regular presidential "certifications" to Congress of

improvement in human rights. It was duly given

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

High demand for Commercial Bank's shares

Kuwait market picks up steam

THE Alshall index for Kuwaiti sharebolding companies recorded oo Wednesday, May 2, 1990 an average of 39.70 points with a decrease of 0.26 point — 0.65 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 52.74 points with an increase of 0.56 points - 1.07 per cent for the same period, according to Alshall weekly market review.

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The tradiog volume (three days of trading only) for Kuwaiti shares reached 15.79 million shares at a daily average of 5.26 million shares with an increase of 77 per cent over previous week's daily average of 2.97 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 3.530 million shares at a daily average of 1.177 million shares with an increase of 56 per cent

over last week's daily average of 0.752 million shares.

The value of K uwaiti traded shares was KD5.26 million at a daily average of KD1.75 million, an increase of 32 per cent overlast week's daily average of KD1.75 million. week's daily average of KD1.33 million. The value of non-Kuwaili traded shares was KD0.174 million at a daily average of KD0.058 million, an increase of 115 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.027 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 80 per cent of total Irading against 42 per cent last week. Commercial Bank had the lead at 70 per cent, followed by The National Bank of Kuwait at 9 per cent, and The Gulf Bank at 7 per cent. The investment sector came second at 6.3 per cent in which the Coast Investment and Development Company had the lead at 68 per cent. followed by Kuwait Investment Projects Company at 16 per cent and Kuwait Investment Company, International Financial Advisers Company at 8 per cent each.

The insurance sector came third at 5.6 per cent in which Warba Insurance Company had the lead at 99 per cent, followed by Gulf Insurance Company at 1 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 63 per cent followed by Um Al-Qaiwain Cement Industries Company at 18 per cent and Arabian General Investment Company (Shua'a) at 8

The market showed unusual signs of activity for Kuwait shares and normal performance for non-Kuwaiti shares. The activity of the Kuwaiti shares market are caused by the high demand for the shares of the Commercial Bank, which had the lead in the market, before its board election which increased the traded shares of the banking sector to 80 per cent of total trading which is about twice the percentage of last week.

This is an exceptional case which might not be repeated in the next few weeks or even the next few years unless a similar situation arises. Except for the increase in the banking sector activity the market performance was weak as the price inded for the Kuwaiti shares marked did not increase.

The investors are still having in mindt be experience with various previous announcements and their effect on the market. This increases the risk of investing in the market in spite of some good investment opportunities.

Kuwait shareholdi	ng compan	es index	
	Wed. 02/05/90	Wed.	Change
Banking Sector The National Bk The Gulf Bk	129.20	130.52	-1.32
	30.36	30.83	-0.47
The Comm. Bk.	25.03	24.59	0.44
Al Ahli Bk	30.72	31.25	-0.53

Bk of Kt & ME	30.12	30.12	
			0.44
Kuwaii R. Esi. Bk	28.43	28.89	-0.46
Burgan Bk	26.53	26.53	_
Kt Finance House	82.62	83.52	-0.90
Sector Index	49.50	49.90	-0.40
Inv. Sector			
Kuwait Inv. Co.	9.18	8.72	0.46
K1. lni. lnv. Co.	8.59	8.59	
. IFA	21.62	24.19	-2.57
Comm. Facilities	175.45	175.45	
National Inv.	58.82	58.82	
Kt Inv. Proj.	87.64	87. 64	_
Coasi Inv. & Dev.	82.35	83.53	-1.18
Sector Index	32.94	32.99	-0.05
Ins. Sector	04.04	92,33	70.03
	34.68	34.68	
Kt. Ins. Co.			
Gulf Ins. Co.	25.38	23.08	2.31
Al Ahleia Ins.	52,31	52.31	
Warba Ins. Co.	47.25	51.03	-3.78
Sector Index	35.77	35.37	0.40
Real Est. Sec.			
Rt. Real Est.	11.47	11.47	
Utd. Realty	5.16	5.16	-
Nut. Real Est.	39.42	39.42	
Pearl of Kt.	65.08	65.87	-0,79
Sector Index	15.15	15.19	-0.05
	13.13	13.19	-0.05
Ind. Sector	10.22	10.00	
Kt. Cm1. Co.	10.22	10.22	_
Ref. Ind.	82,36	82.36	
Gulf Cahles	113,13	113.13	
Kt. Pharm.	53.33	51.56	· 1.78
Sector Index	28,43	28.35	0.08
Services Sector			
Kt. Cmptr. Co.	131,76	131.76	_
Kt. Cinema Co.	7.32	7.32	
Pub. W'housg Co.	55.56	55.56	
Kt, Comm. M.Co.	37.75	37.75	
	355.00	360.00	
M. Tele. Syst.			-5.00
Sector Index	58.18	58. 69	-0.51
Food Sector			
L. Trad. & Transp.	25.63	25.63	
Utd Fisheries	10.62	11.05	-0.42
Kt. Utd Poultry	110.01	110.01	
Kt. Food Co.	68.97	75.86	-6.90
Sector Index	37.19	38.52	-1.33
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	02/05/90	25/04/90	points
First G. Bk.	236.84	236.76	
Bah, Intl. Bk,	84.14	82.76	1.38
Bah, M. E. Bk.	83.53	83.53	
A. Gen. Inv. (Shuaa)	43.94	43.94	
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	18.75	18.37	0.37
Sharjah Cement*	18.26	17.51	0.75
G. Med. Projs.	13.13	13.13	
Total Index	52.74	52,18	0.56
-Base period 31/12/1983.			

-All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

... Chalabi expects higher prices ...

KUWAIT, May 5, (Reuter): A senior Kuwaiti official said in remarks published today his country would cut oil output this month to return to its quota of 1.5 million barrels a day.

Abdullah Al-Roumi, a member of the Kuwaiti delegation to the Geneva Opec meeting that ended on Thursday, told a local daily "a plan will be drawn up to reduce production to reach 1.5 million barrels per day this

Roumi, a marketing official at Kuwa's Petroleum Corporation, predicted oil prices would rise

within days if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries complied with the Geneva accord, which cut output by

He said the success of the production controls in boosting prices to the targetted \$18 a barrel level depended on the market's ability to absorb a current glut.

per cent since January because of

1.445 million barrels a day.

Oil prices bave fallen about 25.

Meanwhile Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al-Chalahi said yesterday he expected oil



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prices to rise within the next few months provided Opec countries complied with their quotas.

Oil ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) agreed in Geneva on Thursday to cut output by 1.445 million barrels per day to boost prices, which have slumped hy 25 per cent since the start

Chalabi, quoted by the Iraqi news agency INA, said on return from Geneva that there would be a positive reaction concerning world oil prices in a few months provided production quotas are strictly and immediately observed."

The Geneva agreement could be a new page in the history of Opec, he said.

Countries which violated their production quotas have realised the grave economic and political dimensions which might result from their behaviour." he

A Qatari newspaper today urged Opec members to comply with their oil quotas, saying this would help defeat attempts to

undermine the organisation. 'There are attempts by certain parties interested in undermining Opec and foiling its policy to exploit as much as possible drop in oil prices." Ar-Raya said in an

Ar-Raya said the unidentified parties cast doubt on Opec's willingness to ahide by the Geneva decision and flooded the market with reserves of oil, causing a slump in prices.

These manoeuvres will not succeed...if Opec memhers adhere to the decision to cut production," the paper said.

Prices dropped by about a dollar per barrel after the Geneva agreement on what traders said was scepticism about whether the 13 members will really stop over-production.

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Mongolia ready for free market

NEW DELHI, India, May 5, (AP): Look out world, capitalism is coming to Mongolia, or so says the head of its Central Bank.

While authorities in Moscow dither over semantics, weighing a mixed economy or socialism with a capitalist face, officials from the second-oldest ruling Communist Party in the world appear ready to toss off 69 years of socialism in a single shrug.

The man leading the charge is straight-shooting G. Khnder-chuluun, the Gruff governor of the State Bank of the Mongolian People's Republic.

"Centralised economies don't work, it won't build Mongolia, so let's get rid of n," Kbuderchuhuun said in an interview Friday as the 23rd annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank closed. "We need a market economy, an open economy, with a big private sector."

Earlier this year, the Mongolian Communist Party gave up its mon-npoly on power and agreed to multiparty elections, tentatively set for July. Although opposition figures criticise the party for not going far enough, the communists have made a dramatic retreat from their past, Stalinist methods of rule.

Now, Khuderchuluun and his colleagues are turning their attention to the economy. Spurred by changes in the Soviet Union, Kbuderchuluun said his country was ready to transform into a market economy, with private banks, private factories and

private farms.

And people in powerful places seem to believe him.

Later this year, Mongolia is expec-ted to join the Asian Development Bank and should be eligible by loans by early next year, Khuderchuluun

Japanese firms have already signed contracts worth tens of millions of dollars. Earlier this year, in a further boon to business, Mongolia normalised ties with South Korea.

"Our old friends, the North Korcans, weren't too happy,"
Kbudercbulunn said, chuckling.
"But the world is changing rapidly."
Trade has grown rapidly with their
old adversary, China, and is expected
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arrived in Beijing on Friday, the first Mongolian head of government to visit China since 1962.

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Austerity measures may be inevitable. Arab economist

External debt surges

WASHINGTON, May 5, (Kuna): A leading Arah economist has stressed here that there is an urgent need for the Arab countries to put a ceiling on their acceptable load of foreign indebtedness and on annual debt-service payments in order not to hinder future investment programmes and growth policies.

The economist predicted that austerity policies "seem to he inevitable" in order to reduce the levels of both private and public consumption in real terms in the 1990s. Egyptian economist Mahmoud Abdel Fadil, who tea-

ches at the American University of Cairo and who taught in a number of British and American universities, issued this warning in a study presented to the 15th annual symposium at the Centre for Arab Studies (CCAS) at Georgetown University which ended here today. His warning came in the wake of the fact that many Arah

countries witnessed a rapid accumulation of their external debt in the 1980s and he cited in particular countries like Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, the twn Yemens, and Morocco. These countries had to resort to external borrowing in order to finance large trade balance deficits and to supplement national savings to close the investment-savings gap.

The main problem lies in the fact that the rise in the external debt of several Arab countries was accompanied by a notable increase in debt-service abligations, according to Abdul Fadil. Some of these debt servicing burdens are among the highest in the world.

The Egyptian economist emphasised that such high debt servicing burdens are acting as a major break on the economic development and growth potential in these

But based on World Bank figures, the annual debi service payments on both principal and interest are set to decline for the whole Arah region as from 1993 although for many individual Arab countries this trend is only noticeable by the mid-1990s. But Abdul Fadil argues in his study that these World

Bank predictions might seem too optimistic as many Arab countries accumulated debt arrears, and the terms of rescheduling of foreign debt are getting harder in both the Paris and London clubs. "There is an urgent need to put a ceiling on the acceptable load of foreign indebtedness in each individual Arab country and eventually on annual debi-service payments in order not to hinder future investment programmes and

As a result, "austerity policies seem to be inevitable in urder to reduce the levels of private and public consump-tion in real terms in the 1990s," he said.

In the meantime, be said, every effort should be deployed in order to reduce the size of the total external debt by taking advantage of all available initiatives and schemes designed in alleviate the debt burden of the Arab

Abdul Fadil says some ingenious proposals for debt forgiveness or reduction, debt-equity conversions, and the so-called secondary market for discounted all debts has grown up in recent years and the Arabs should exploit

He stressed the importance of the Arab countries, for example, exploiting or at least prohing the possibilities opened by the existence of the secondary market for trading Third World debt, where debtor countries can conclude official deals of what is called "buy-backs" of their own debts. This he explained, is further facilitated by the so-called new Brady initiative launched in March, 1989 by the US secretary of the treasury.

According to this scheme, the Arab debtor country uses reserves to buy at a discount their own debt held by foreign bank creditors, as been done in some Laun American

countries.

"But given the limited and low level of foreign exchange reserves in Arab debtor countries, such debt buy-back reserves in Arab debtor debt without the help of oil-nich scheme cannot be operated without the help of oil-nich countries," Abdul Fadil said.

In addition, he said, as a result of the shortage of foreign exchange, Western official finances should help countries agreeing to economic reform to capture some of the discounts available on the secondary market for their own

But Abdul Fadil warned that the Brady scheme is not wilboul costs and strings since they are traded against agreeing to packages or economic reforms designed by nternational financial institutions like the World Bank

and the International Monetary Fund.

The Arab countries, he argues, should press for global debt relief schemes combing the most positive elements of the French, Japanese, and Soviet initiatives for partial forgiveness of debt, securitisation of part of the debt and restructuring of the remaining debi allowing extended maturities and reduced interest rate spreads.

ABC to offer public shares

MANAMA, May 5, (AP): Abdulla A. Saudi, deputy chairman of the Arah Banking Corp., Bahrain's largest offshore bank, announced today the bank will offer public shares worth \$250 million to both nationals and foreigners.

The decision, first adopted in 1989, is aimed at raising the bank's paid-up capital from \$750 million to \$1 billion.

The shares will be listed for trading on the Bahrain stock exchange, the first time that this will bave occurred on the fledgling market of the Gulf island The Bahrain government enacted a special law in March to allow foreigners to trade in this new ABC

Saudi told a press conference that 25,000,000 ordinary shares, each of a nominal value of \$10, will be

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offered, \$20 million in the Arab world, and five million outside. The selling price of the shares will be finalised within

the next 10 days, he said.

The share offering will be initiated between the 22nd and the 26th of the month, Saudi said.

Credit Suisse and First Boston will manage the placement outside the Arab world, ABC will be in charge of the public offering in Bahrain and the Con-

sulfing Centre for Finance and Investment inco-opera-tion with Olayan Financing Co. will manage the remainder of the Arah world, Saudi said. ABC, which is also classified as the Arab world's largest bank, was incorporated in Bahrain in 1980 with a capital of \$750 million, equally contributed by the Central Bank of Kuwait, the Central Bank of Libya

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BUSINESS

Bhattarai invited to Delhi for trade talks

KATHMANDU, May 5, (UPI): The Indian government has invited Nepalese Prime Minister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai to New Delhi for talks to end the lingering trade dispute that has crippled Nepal's economy and caused severe sbortages, the fin-

ance minister said yesterday.
"Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh has invited the prime minister to visit New Delhi as soon as possible," said Devendra Pandey, who returned from a brief trip to New Deihi. He delivered a personal message from Bhattarai

The letter asked India to restore the status quo and normalise trade relations. Iodia imposed a general trade embargo on bilateral trade in March 1989 when treaties covering trade and transit expired. Both sides blamed the other for the failure to renew the treaties.

India imposed 100 per cent duty on Nepalese exports, virtually throttling the landlocked nation's economy. Prices of essecual commodities soared when Nepal was forced to import petrol at prohibitive prices in the open market.

India said Nepal bad violated the spirit of a hilateral treaty covering security matters when it strengthened its relations with China. China and India fought a border war in 1962.

The new Nepalese interim government headed by Bhattarai Thursday moved to end an agreement with a Chinese construction company and a Nepalese firm to build a spinning mill close to the border, according to ruling Nepali Congress spokesman Mathbar Busneyt.

The decision apparently was aimed at placating the Indian government which bas opposed the presence of Chinese personnel within 10 miles (16 km) of the open India-Nepal border.

Relations between India and Nepal's previous partyless government beaded by King Birendra were seriously strained leading to the hreakdown of trade relations last year.

India has welcomed Nepal's first multi-party system in 29 years. China has made no official comment so far.

Economy is still on track: US

WASHINGTON, May 5, (Reuter): The powerful Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations are likely to decide that the world economy is still on track and that they don't need to take any major initiatives when they meet here on Sunday.

That was the message delivered to reporters oo Thursday hy a scnior US Treasury Department official ahead of a series of international meetings here from May 4 through

The overal economic situation continues to be favourable," said the official, who declined to be iden-

Big progress has been made io putting world trade back into better balance and currency rates have been

meeting on April 7, he said.

At that meeting, the G-7—
Britain, Caoada, France, Italy. Japan, the United Snes and West Germany - expressed concern that the weak Japanese yen could under-mine efforts to reduce world trade gaps by making Japanese exports

"Exchange rates have heeo relatively stable this past month," the senior official said, adding, "we cootinue to be concerned about the gen-

He said that the recent uptick in US inflation is likely to prove just that and should be offset later this

"Underlying trends cootinue to be favourable," the official said.

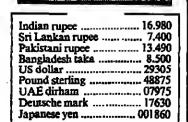
While acknowledging that the inflation outlook must be watched closely, the treasury offical seemed distinctly more relaxed about the recent jump in prices than some members of the US central bank.

Consumer prices rose at an 8.5 per cent annual rate io the first quarter, the fastest pace in eight years, although economists said that much of the rise could be explained away by temporary factors such as ao

unusually cold winter. But that has not stopped Federal Reserve officials from voicing concern, intensifying speculation that the central bank may be oo the verge of raising interest rates to try to cool

off the economy. "Clearly there were some temporary items but ... there is disappointment in the figures," Federal Reserve vice chairman Manuel John





Wall Street watch

Stock outlook tied up in bonds

The economy is starting to weaken again, say economists

NEW YORK, May 5, (AP): By the time the government finishes selling \$30.5 billion in bonds and notes over the next few days, Wall Streeters hope the outlook will have brightened for the stock market.

The record-sized quarterly auction of treasury securities slated for Tuesday through Thursday has been hashed over for weeks among stock and bond analysis.

For a time, some observers believed it would compel the Federal Reserve to tighten its monetary policy merely to make sure that a deceot contingent of hidders from around the world showed up. in the past few days, however, the mood in the markets seemed to perk up, with longterm interest rates already at their highest levels since last year around this time.

While hopes increased a bit that rates might be near a turning point, investors were confronted with a new cause for pause—that the zigzaggiog ecocomy might once more be veering in the direction of a reces-

The economy is starting to weaken again," assert the economists David A. Levy and S. Jay Levy in the latest edition of their newsletter Industry Forecast. "Right oow, many investors are talking about worsening inflation and a pickup in the economy. Three months from now, recession fears will domioate their thinking and the inflatioo danger will have been all

but forgotten. Talk of a pickup in husiness activity and increasing inflationary pressures was abruptly quieted Friday, when the Labour Deparment reported that the civilian unemploymeot rate rose two-tenths of a percen-tage point in April to 5.4 per ceot.

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figures also showed an increase of 64,000 io oon-farm payroll employment, far

less than economists had been expecting. That presumably didn't bode well for corporate earnings in the second quarter and beyond, at a time when some forecasters had been looking for profits to start pulling out of their recent slump.

Nevertheless, some analysts say other, positive forces are at work to the market for treasury securities that shouldn't be overlooked. For one thing, they say, an increased emphasis oo savings over spending in this country has started to ease the United States' much-lamented dependency on foreign capital to finance its deficit spen-

ding.
Stock traders seemed willing at least to listen to such arguments in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 65.31 to 2,710.36.

The New York Stock Exchange com-

posite index gained 4.63 to 185.37; the Nasday composite index for the over-the-coun-ter market added 10.63 to 428.61, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 3.09 at 345.73

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In recent weeks, observed John Connolly at Dean Witter Reynolds, "every major government refunding has become a chif-hanger. Will foreign investors show np, or will the auctions be a flop? Such uncertainty breeds higher interest rates."

But more recently, Connolly contends the trends that helped create this situation

have shifted. The savings rate has risen steadily, which, combined with higher incomes has substantially increased the pool of savings. At the same time the government deficit has abated somewhat.

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The week in business

US to cut defence spending

\$1.2tr plan approved

NEW YORK, May 5, (UPI): The government this week released a string of mixed but, on the wbole, encouraging economic indicators while legislators voted on proposed defence spending cuts to ease the hurden of the world's largest hudget deficit.

The Senate Budget Committee approved a \$1.2 trillion plan Wednesday that would cut defence spending by \$13 billion and trim the fiscal 1991 deficit by \$43 billion.

The Senate plan was more stringent than the \$3.2 billion reduction proposed by President Bush or the \$11.5 billion defence spending cut to \$295.5 billion earlier approved by the House of Representatives.

The budget deficit for fiscal 1989 was \$152 billion. The best news for the US economy came from the Commerce Department which said Wednesday the leading indicators index in March rose by a strong 0.9 per cent. The advance, boosted by a revival in the industrial sector, contrasted

sparked a big rise in hond prices.

mixed against other currencies.

Bond prices soared on the news.

institution of the family.

street corners, or in office jobs.

cent of the people are Catholics.

of domestic violence.

NEW YORK, May 5, (Reuter): A surprisingly weak

employment report pointing to a weaker-than-

expected US economy lessened worries on Friday

that the Federal Reserve will tighten credit and

against the West German mark, although it was

The dollar fell to its lowest level in three months

Unemployment rose unexpectedly in April to 5.4

per cent, its highest level in 15 months, and only the

addition of temporary US census workers kept

payrolls growing, the US Labour Department said.

in the closely watched non-farm payrolls in April.

compared with economists' forecasts of a sharp rise

"These numbers, were a hig surprise to everybody," a bond trader said. "Everything (in the data) is showing greater signs of weakness than the market bad priced in."

MEXICO CITY, May 5, (Reuter): When Pope John

Paul 11 begins a visit to Mexico on Sunday he will

find that years of economic crisis have strained the

authoritarian husbands while bearing and hringing

up large families, have flooded into the work force in

the past decade - either in the "informal econ-

omy", selling tacos or video cassette recorders on

to limit the size of their families - a challenge for the

Roman Catholic church which bans artificial con-

agaiost the use of contraceptives during his eight-

day visit to the Mexico City where more than 90 per

ican women, they may have more influence with the

poor, said Barbara Garcia Colome, a counsellor

with the private centre for the study and prevention

And nearly balf of them are using contraceptives

The Pope is expected to counsel the faithful

While his bornilies may not coovince some Mex-

Mexican women, who traditionally deferred to

The shocker was the small increase of 64,000 iobs

with a sharp 1 per cent decline in February.

Economists predicted a 1 per cent increase in the barometer of economic activity, which had been falling by a rate of 0.1 per cent per month since the first quarter of 1989.

Americans earned more money in March than in February with personal income rising \$35.8 hillion to an annual rate of \$4.6 trillion, while savings were up \$17.9 billion to \$229.7 billion, according to another department report.

Also among the good news, manufacturing orders rose 3.8 per cent in March to \$240.4 billion, the best showing since December 1988, on another month of strong demand for aircraft, the government said.

The privately compiled pur-chasing manager's index rose to 50.2 per cent in April from 48.8 per cent in March. It was the first time in 11 months that the index, boosted by strong new exports

Bonds soar on jobs data

Fed to tighten credit

orders, climbed above a reading of 50 which indicates growth. On a less optimistic note, the Labour Department said Friday layoffs in heavy industry pushed

the nation's jobless rate up to 5.4

percent in April from 5.2 per cent in March, the highest unem-ployment level since January 1989. Total civilian employment declined slightly to 118.1 million in April while factory jobs bave decreased by 280,000 over the

past 13 months. In the construction, spending on new projects fell 1.4 per cent in March to \$432.5 hillion, the worst monthly drop since February 1989, and single-family home sales were down 5 per cent for the fourth straight month to an annual rate of 574,000. Economists and real estate analysts blamed rising

Wall Street reacted positively to the flurry of economic reports

The pacesetting 30-year treasury bond closed up

almost 1-1/2 point, lowering the yield to 8.83 per cent from 8.97 per cent at Thursday's close. When

"A lot of concero about a strong rebound in the economy was misplaced," said Steven Ricchiulo,

chiefeconomist at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Govern-

ment Securities Inc. "It (jobs data) takes some of the

pressure off the market that the Federal Reserve's

The dollar fell to 1.6665 West German marks,

down from 1.6830 on Thursday, although it rose

slightly to 158.31 Japanese yen, compared with

Dealers said they hoped that clearer signals on

Central Bank's exchange rate policies would emerge

from the meeting on Sunday of the Group of Seven

industrialised countries, which includes Japan.

West Germany, Britain, Canada, France, Italy and

"The Catbolic church carries a lot of weight, so if

Mexican Catholic leaders say the traditional

the Pope prohibits birth control it's a powerful

strength of the home is disintegrating under the

pressures of modern life. They criticise an

educational system that teaches secular values and

promotes family planning.
"I believe there are families that are going through moments of crisis ... and they tend to dissolve." said

Miguel Ayala Ortiz, a spokesman for the Mexican

A 50 per cent drop in real wages since Mexico's debt crisis began in the early 1980s may be fuelling

for their families," said Marian McClure, who works with women's groups for the Ford Founda-

For many women working outside the home, a

traditional safety net - the extended family - has

gone. Relatives who used to have time to look after

their children are now out at work themselves.

There is a lot of stress on men who can't provide

bond prices rise, their yields fall.

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tion in Mexico City.

Economic crisis strains families in Mexico

interest rates for slowing home

and recorded gains throughout the week. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed above 2.700 points Thursday, its highest level in two weeks, hut somewhat retreated Friday after the disappointing unemployment

The unemployment figures also drove the dollar down in New York, where traders quoted the dollar at 1.6745 West German marks, down from 1.6828 Thursday, and at 158.68 Japanese yen, down from 158.85 at the opening Friday.

Attention on the world's oil markets was focused on the meeting in Geneva of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries which decided to lower the 13-member organisations daily output by 1.5 million barrels to 22 million barrels in a bid to prop np prices. The announcement did not immediately affect markets as prices remained on the down-

Egypt imposes new price rises

CAIRO, May 5, (Reuter); Egypt, under pressure to agree economic reforms with the International MonetaryFund (IMF), announced price increases today aimed at cutting huge state sub-

The action, announced in the semi-official daily Al Gomhouria, covered a string of basic food items including wheat flour, rice and pasta.

The price hikes, ranging from 10 to 100 per cent, followed an increase of about 130 per cent earlier this week in prices for hutane gas and a smaller increase in cigarette prices.

Subsidies, a legacy of the socialist policies of the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser, are officially estimated at £3.6 billion (\$1.4 billion) a year. Egypt has been negotiating

with the IMF for more than a year on economic reforms that would allow rescheduling of part of its estimated \$50-billion foreign debt and open the way for fresb credits.

Among other things, the IMF wants Egypt to slash subsidies, push interest rates to the level of inflation to attract more savings, and tighten government spend-

Egyptian officials bave predicted an accord by June or July but say a major difference is the speed at which reforms should be introduced.

The government, mindful of 1977 riots sparked by sudden price increases, last year cautiously raised the prices of bread, electricity and some oil products

Today's rises will not affect hread, a staple food for most Egyptians, as bakeries still get flour at subsidised rates.

Call to rethink strategy for tackling debt crisis

are being forgotten in the rush to aid fledgling democracies of East Europe, are calling on industrial countries to rethink their strategy for tackling the \$1.3 trillion debt

show little sign of agreeing to major new initiatives and are likely to argue that the debt strategy set in place over the past two years is generally working. Monetary officials say develop-

ing nations, which meet today to co-ordinate their position ahead of talks with industrial countries on Monday and Tuesday, will back their call for a more flexible debt strategy with a demand for a substantial increase in the IMF's

That, they argue, is essential if the fund is to cope with the new America and Africa.

"This triumphant development for democracy in Eastern Europe is like man bites dog," Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley told reporters on Friday. "My continuing problem of foreign exchange is just dog bites man.

"We say go to those challenges

have yet to resolve a row between France and Britain over ranking funds drawn on to make loans.

ned on Friday that failure to act would force Latin American countries unilaterally to halt debt

"Economies cannot grow if they are having to transfer up to one-third of their domestic savings abroad," Gert Rosenthal, executive secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, said

Monetary officials say the most fall between the gaps in the current

Giant computer companies both in the United States and in Taiwan have stepped up their legal efforts to stop the counterfeiters, providing police with information leading to raids for pirated software and bringing cases to court.

puter company executives say it will take more than a few court cases to close down the pirates, many of whom operate out of private apartments and are able to dismantle and reassemble production facilities in a matter of hours.

before Taiwan has a decent system to protect intellectual property rights," said the Western trade specialist, adding that new laws are useless if they are not enfor-

out. It's frustrating."

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WASHINGTON, May 5, (Reuter): Third World nations, worried their economic problems

But as the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank get underway, Washington and its allies

credit demands of East Europe's ramshackle economies without syphoning away funds from the debt-laden nations in Latin

"How do we get people to understand that both are impor-

which you must, but please don't finance them by diverting resourat our expense."

But leading industrial nations in the fund and have made it clear they will not agree to a more than 50 per cent rise in its \$120 billion of subscription quotas, the pool of

And on the debt strategy, US officials have this week spelt out that there is little scope for more generous treatment for debtors despite growing criticism from banks and development agencies

that they believe it is inadequate.

A United Nations official war-

in Caracas.

developing nations can expect in a move backed by France is special consideration for countries which debt strategy, qualifying for relief neither under the "Turnntn terms" agreed in 1988 nor the 1989 "Brady plan."

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Taiwan's copyright pirates sail into the space age

TAIPEI, May 5. (Reuter): In Taiwan, long one of the world's higgest bazaars of conterfeit goods, it's getting difficult to buy a fake Rolex watch. The phoney Rolex, along with the mock

Louis Vuitton bag, the Pseudo-Polo shirt and the almost-Adidas sports shoe are all but gone from Taipei street stalls — ask any disappointed tourist. But if your shopping list runs to hightech medical equipment, electronic micro-

chips or copied computer software, you're in luck. Like the island's other industries, Taiwan's infamous pirates of patents and

copyrights are moving into the space age. 'Our technology has advanced quickly, but our legal concepts have lagged behind," said Yang Chung-Sen, deputy director of the semi-official Intellectual

Property Protection Committee (IPPC). In one recent undercover operation. US customs videotaped a Taiwanese couple in a South Carolina botel allegedly selling copies of a hugely popular video game. They could only have been produced with special equipment which copies the electronic chips that store the game.

Lawyers and husinessmen say the pair

were typical of the new hreed of Taiwan copycat, who has both the technical knowhow and the equipment to duplicate some of the world's latest inventions.

"The real fear now is that Taiwan has started doing it - (counterfeiting) hightech equipment, chemicals and new biotech inventions." said one Western trade specialist who asked not to be named.

"In the long run, they'll pay the price in economic development," he said. "There is no way foreign companies and inventors will bring their leading-edge products to Taiwan. They know they'll be ripped off." he said.

"Even our own products are being copied now, so consciousness of the problem is definitely rising," said IPPC executive secretary Want Tu-Tsun.

Pesticides, prescription medicine, industrial lathes, computer hardware, engineered microbes — all of these are now stock in trade for Taiwan pirates, often produced at cut cost with zero quality control.

"They'll do anything, as long as the profit margin is right," said one foreign investigator for a copyright-checking firm. Taipei has for years faced bitter international criticism over its lax enforcement of copyright regulations. The United States, Taiwan's largest trading partner, has even threatened to implement trade sanctions if protection of intellectual property rights is not improved.

Taipei has responded hy pushing through measures to strengthen anticounterfeiting laws and by reinforcing copyright and patent protection: But economists say the real reason for

the decline of the fake Rolex and its ilk is economic. Rising wages and the strong local dollar have made the more familiar counterfeit consumer goods unprofitable.

Some people still make watches, hut they do it in Thailand. They just fly the technicians over from Taiwan," said an investigator at Orient Commercial Enquiries, one of dozens of firms that specialise in sniffing out copyright and patent infringement.

Taiwan, which has close to one million personal computers, software is readily available, easy to copy and hard to police. "We estimate software pirates caused

losses of more than \$1.2 hillion last year,"

Local pirates now concentrate on com-

puter products, especially software. On

said Harry Yu, head of the Information Service Industry Association.

But hoth Taiwanese and foreign com-

"It is going to take a good 10 years

"We have been screaming at the courts for years, hut it doesn't seem to do any good," added the investigator at orient commercial enquiries. "We do the surveillance, do the raid, get the evidence
— and then the court will throw the case

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Fashion has no rules: Lacroix

French designer here to launch perfume



Designer Christian Lacroix during tha spring/summer Paris fashion shows.

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

CHRISTIAN LACROIX, a man who took Paris hy storm when he reintroduced a sense of freedom into fashion design and put a modern touch on classic shapes, says he is not a rebel. "I don't create the shocking for the sake of shocking, I am not a rule hreaker' he said at a press meeting in Kuwait yesterday.

Indeed, he is not, for two reasons. Firstly, as far as Lacroix is concerned there are no rules, everything is allowed. And secondly, he says he is really not bringing anything new to the world, he is only rediscovering and reshaping old designs, be they from the baroque period European courts or turn-of the-century French villages. More often than not his outfits have an ethnicelement in them and would not be Lacroix designs if they were not "joyful to the eye", hright, elegant, ornate and colourful.

But they looked new when they appeared on the catwalks in Paris because they came after decades of domination by Christian Dior's "new look" which treated "fashion as a dictate" and later hy sober and sombre designs promoted by Japanese designers. "I brought colour and fun back to fashion, I rediscovered old brightness and elegance,"

Lacroix has delved into his happy childhood memories for inspira-tion. There, in the south of France, "between Italy and Spain" as he likes to describe it, he found lace, brocade, embroidery and a wealth of colour in the traditional costumes. Small wonder then that his collections are an explosion of colours, an extraordinary melange of fabrics

A fan of corrida (hull fight) Lacroix says his favourite colours are red, pink and "a bit of yellow" because those are the colours of a bullfight-

The past, his own or anybodyelse's, is what he turns to for fresh ideas. "In fashion everything that can be done has already been done. All

we do is play with the shapes of the past," he contends.

Lacroix urges women to go back to their roots, the folklore of their country and look for original designs. He does it all the time, not only with garment designs but also with his perfume C'est la Vie. The trip to Kuwait was mainly to promote the Lacroix fragrance which, "sweet and nostalgic", brings back memories of orange flowers and sunflower "so dear to my heart."

When choosing an outfit or a fragrance a woman should opt for the kind that would make her "feel that she is herself." This, he claims, is the reason behind Princess Diana's success in choosing her wardrobe. "She is true to the image that the British Royal Family portrays. What she wears is very English hut it is herself. An even better example is the Queen Mother

'But when Fergie (the Duches of York) wears an Yves Saint Laurent

it is not so interesting," explains Lacroix.

The 39-year-old designer, who studied to become a museum curator, put away his diploma in the history of art, Greek and Latin and joined Hermes in 1978. He later designed for Jean Patou and in 1986 was awarded the Golden Thimhle while still an art director for the same house. More awards followed and Lacroix eventually founded his own fashion house in 1987.

His meteoric rise in the fashion world means that his designs have soared in price. In his latest collection the range was between French francs 30,000 and 180,000 (KD 570 and 3,400). "I'd rather buy a car for that money," said a woman journalist at yesterday's news conference.

Displaying a sense of humour Lacroix shot back: "But you cannot wear a car." Who could argue with that?

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

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- 9.30 Opening announcement and Holy Quran
- 9.45 Cartoon serial 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- (repetition) 10.30 Daily Arabic serial
- 11.30 Cultural film
- 12.00 Variety programme: Candid Camera

closedown

Evening 4.00 Opening and Holy

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- Satellite (repetition) 4.30 Carroon serial
- 5.00 Cartnons 6.00 Historical serial:
- Muslim judges
- 7.15 Health magazine
- 7.50 Diwaniyai Shuara Al Nabat
- 8.30 Good evening

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 - arrives in Gibsons looking for Nick, claiming her mother knew the charming Greek when he worked in Manitoba many years hefore. Sara catches Clara
- gapore". Jonnie altempts to protect Jolly who returned home.
- 12.00 News in Brief. 12.10 Magazine D'Actualite

rummaging through Nick's room hut Clara



Ambassador's wife visits Filipino patients

Mrs Hadia Norie M. Tamano, wife of the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait, visited Filipino patients confined in hospitats during the Eid Al Fitr holidays. She has given her personal attention to the plight of these patients. Shown with her and patients, are members of the Alliance of Filipino Health Care Workers In Kuwait and Omar Mustan.

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AN exhibition of paintings hy eight Arab artists will be beld at the Boushahri Gallery, North Salmiya 🖼 .. Salcm Al Mubarak St., from May 7. The month-long exhibition is being held under the patronage of Dr Hassan Ali Ibrahim. Some of the artists who will exhibit their works include Jaafar Islah, Jafar Kaki, Rashed Diyab, Dia Al Azzawi and Salch Jame'ci. It will be open to the public for a month. Timings: 9 am to 12.30 noon and 4 to 7.30 pm.

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ndian Arts Circle

HERE'S good news for lovers of one-act plays. A wide variety of one-act plays to reach as wide an audience as possible is going to be staged from 17th to 31st May 1990 at the IAC auditorium for the 2nd IAC One Act Play Competition. After the roaring success of the 1st One Act Play Competition, 16 teams are planning to perform plays in languages rang-ing from Malayalam to Marathi. The inaugural offering is a Konkani play at 8 pm on the 17th May. Watch out for further information in this column.

GOAN Welfare Society will crown the May Queen at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Thursday, May 10 from 9 pm onwards. Top Ranks in attendance. Airline tickets to be won. For reservations contact Joe (Tel. 4881387), Cajetan (Tel. 5618971), Braz (Tel. 4763674) and Nevwston (Tel. 5637726).

COME enjoy our meeting this month at the Holiday Inn in the ballroom on Monday,

May 7, 1990. Our programme this month is a traditional Middle Eastern wedding demonstration which promises to be fun and exciting. Doors open - 6.00pm. Doors close - 7.30pm. Programme

starts - 8.30pm sharp. For further information contact Barbara - 5325131.

ACT's production of "Voyages", an evening of words and music about travel, will be presented one night only at tha Mousetrap Theatre, New English School on Thursday, May 10, 1990. This readers theatre presentation includes selections of humorous and inspiring poetry and prose by contemporary and classical authors. 3KD admission includes bight buffet. Call 5620332, 4 - 8 pm for reservations. Tickets are also available at the door.

Around the World

THE United States Information Service has the pleasure of hvitting you to an exhibition "Around the World" by American artist Luz Marina Colwell, starting Tuesday, May 8, 1990 at 5.30 pm. at the Kuwait International Hotel, Main Lobby. Exhibition will continue to May 16 from 9 am to 9 pm.

Approb Essay Competition THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen has again extended the last date of its essay competition for April 15 to May 31, 1990. The date has been extended at the popular demand hecause many interested students were unable to participate in the competition due to the examinations and later due to the beginning of the holy

month of Ramadan. The essay competition on the topic My role in building a better Pakistan is being held on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Pakistan resolution. Pakistani students in the age group of between 12-14 (juniors) and 15-18 (seniors) are invited to write their essays in Urdu or English, which should be between 1,000 to

1,500 words. Four prizes of KD100 each (2 each for Urdu and English) will be awarded to the best articles in each group with other consolation prizes for deserving participants. The panel of judges includes: Dr M.I. Saleem, Dr Ali Jaffrey and Abdus Sattar Ghazali.

Essays may be mailed to Approh, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, Kuwait, 22024. For further details, contact: 2425315, Fax: 5323751.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

THE next coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held at 10 am on Sunday, May 6, al the Kuwait International Hotel. Latest information and plans would be announced. All German-speakers are requested to make an effort to attend. Ali are welcome.

CALLING all Saligaocars ... to respond to the call for a social gathering on May 25 at Ramada Al Salam, at 11.30 am.

For details contact the following: Justin Fernandes on Tel No. 2406936 (Res). Aloo Carvalho, 2411442 Res. 246121, Cedric D'Mello, Res. 3986469 and Paul D'Cruz, Res. 2444729. Tony Cordeiro off, 2415401, Res. 2412337.

Ladica International League SUMMER bazaar: Regency Palace Hotel, Friday May 11. from 10 am to 6.00 pm. Something for everyone. See you

Cosmos Summer Nite

KUWAIT Cosmos Hockey Cluh presents Cosmos Summer Nite, an open-air event of the decade on May 10, 1990 at 21.00 hrs until dawn at the lush green lawns of th Hunting and Equestrian Club (by the poolside). Music hy The Hurricane & The Equalisers. Highlights: *Cosmos Summer Nite special; *Novelty dance; *Table surprises; *Ballroom competition; *Live exhibition of the famous Brazilian "Lambada" perfor-med by the team of th Kuwait India Festival. Plenty of gifts in store inclusive of air tickets and not forgetting the aroma of an exotic huffet prepared hy

exclusively Indian chefs. Come one, come all - pick your invitation and make your table reservations from the undermentioned members: Fortes - 4741727 (R); Dama -5623621 (R); Vincent - 4887140

Hyderabad

Friday (May 11, 1990), Messilah Beach Resort. 3.00 pm — Once in a life time chance to taste and enjoy delicious and mouthwatering dishes. Games, lucky draw and magic show for children. Prize distribution.

Thursday (May 17, 1990), Carlton Tower Hotel, Fahd Al Salem St. 8.00 pm — Highlighting the golden era of Hyderahad followed hy a grand Mushaira by guest and local poets and release of souvenir.

Friday (May 18, 1990), Starlite theatre, Entertainment City (Doha), Kuwait. 5.00 pm Valedictory function and musical night of ghazals hy invitee artists from Hyderabad and local artists, light music

and many more items. Sponsors: Mohd Hoshdar Khan, Mohd Shaheen H. Khan.

For further details and information please contact; General information: Mohamad Fasihuddin Chand, Tel: 2402603-5659647; Mohamad Naseerud-din, Tel: 4736958. Sporis: Dr Naidu, Tel: 4842578; Karim Idan, Tcl: 3716247. Musical programme: Dr Shakeel Khan. Tel: 5317885; Shahnoor Khan, Tel:5644539. Souvenir: N. Nizamuddin Ahmed, Tel: 4745537; Zakiuddin, Tel: 2428105; Mohamad H. Kban, Tel: 2402019. Literary: Dr Sami Khan, Tel: 481 1514; Ehtesham Uddin, Tel: 2463116. Sponsors: Mohd Hoshder Khan, Mohd Shaheen

H. Kahn. Daniella Dhow Trip

FOR reasons beyond the control of the Daniella Club, the Dhow trip for Danes has been postponed till Friday, May 18, at 10 am. For reservations call Jytte Tel. 2449610 before May 5,

MAY 10-11: Roseferns and

his 15 member troupe arrive from Goa to present two Konkani dramas namely new release Xinxe at 7 pm (May 10) and repeated at 4 pm (May 11) and diamond jubilee completed Beiman Tum at 10.30 am on May 11 at Granada Cinema, Kheitan. Contrary to reports circulating, THIS IS NOT A LOCAL SHOW and Roseferns, popularly known as Goa's King of Centuries should not be mistaken for one local identical namesake in Kuwait. Tickets available at Raja Stores Tel. 2412970, Tony 5655056, Wilson 3726038 Manuel/Rommel 4816836,

Rocky 3924159, Val 5614506 Canary Video 2459521 and Alex Martins. An Expatriate Club presentation.

Garden Fete

Hyderabad Festival Committee announces the holding of a garden fete on Friday, May 11, Messilah Beach Resort. It will be open to all families. Hyderahad food, magic show, games and a lot of fun is promised for families. A fancy dress competition is also proposed. Parents of children below 12 who wish to take part in the event can register chil-dren's name on 5619071, Mr.

Guardian Angei Club The Guardian Angel Club

take great pleasure in announc-ing their Konkani drama enu-tled "Ostorecho Mog" (Woman's Love) directed hy Remmie J. Colaco, on June 8, 1990, at the IAC. Goan Charlie Chaplin — Jancito Vaz, Ophelia, H. Britton and Sehhy Coutinho are among the other well koown Goan cast.

HOTELS

Kuwait International Hotel FAILAKA: Offers a celebra-

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LA PALMA: Eid gala hrunch buffel for lunch and extensive Arabic buffet for dinner with oriental band.

LA PALMA POOL: Surprise barbeque for lunch with jazz band. GARDEN POOL: Superb

Kuhli Khan Mongolian barbeque. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according lo your palate. LA PATISSERIE: Oriental

sweets huffet with tea and coffee. Plenty of take-away too. CHILDREN'S CORNER: Star of the show "AFL" will land with bis spaceship at the

Kuwait International. Games. Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Kiddie Castle will provide nonstop excitement f rom 12 noon

All details at:2530000 ext. 8039 or 8040.

Messilah Beach Hotel

Al Mubarakiah restaurant: The only 24-hour restaurant/ coffee shop in Kuwait. Open daily for hreakfast, lunch and dinner or any time for refreshments and snacks.

Wednesdays — special seafood promotions: Starting 7 pm with a selection of your favourite fish dishes prepared to your liking in the relaxed atmosphere decorated with that maritime touch and live background music

Fridays - special huffet: A go go with a large variety of Middle Eastern and Continue

tal dishes.
BBQ: Every Thursday night in Al Berdowneh the Beach Garden Restaurant offering Lebanese mezzas, grills, fresh

salads. Al Jawharah: Open every Thursday for a special evening of food, music and entertainment by the resident "Rain-

bow" band.

SPORTS

Kuwait Rugby Thursday, May 17: 3rd Annual Fun-Run.

Thursday June 6, Oval Ball. you would like details. information on any of these please contact S. Hill 5391720, G. Adams 5644533, R. Houston 5658435.

Yoga lessons For fitness and slimming Kuwait International Hotel offers yoga lessons for ladies and men, every Sunday and Tuesday from 8.00 pm to 9.00

pm and on Friday from 10.30

am to 11.30 am. For more information contact Kuwait International's Recreation Department at 2530000 ext 8050 or Tanya at 5626529. Kuwait 4th Annual Raft Race

MAY 11, 1990 starting at 9.00 am. Don't forget this Kuwait's most awaiting, spectacular, water sports event of the year at Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are on sale in the hotel or at the main entrance on the day. Just hring your family and friends for a day out. Keep a look out in the papers for our advertising for full details or contact us on 5624111 ext 711/ 712/739/751.



Black is Beautiful

THE Afro-Arab Friandship Group successfully celebrated the changing political climate in Africa with their concert "Black is Beautiful".

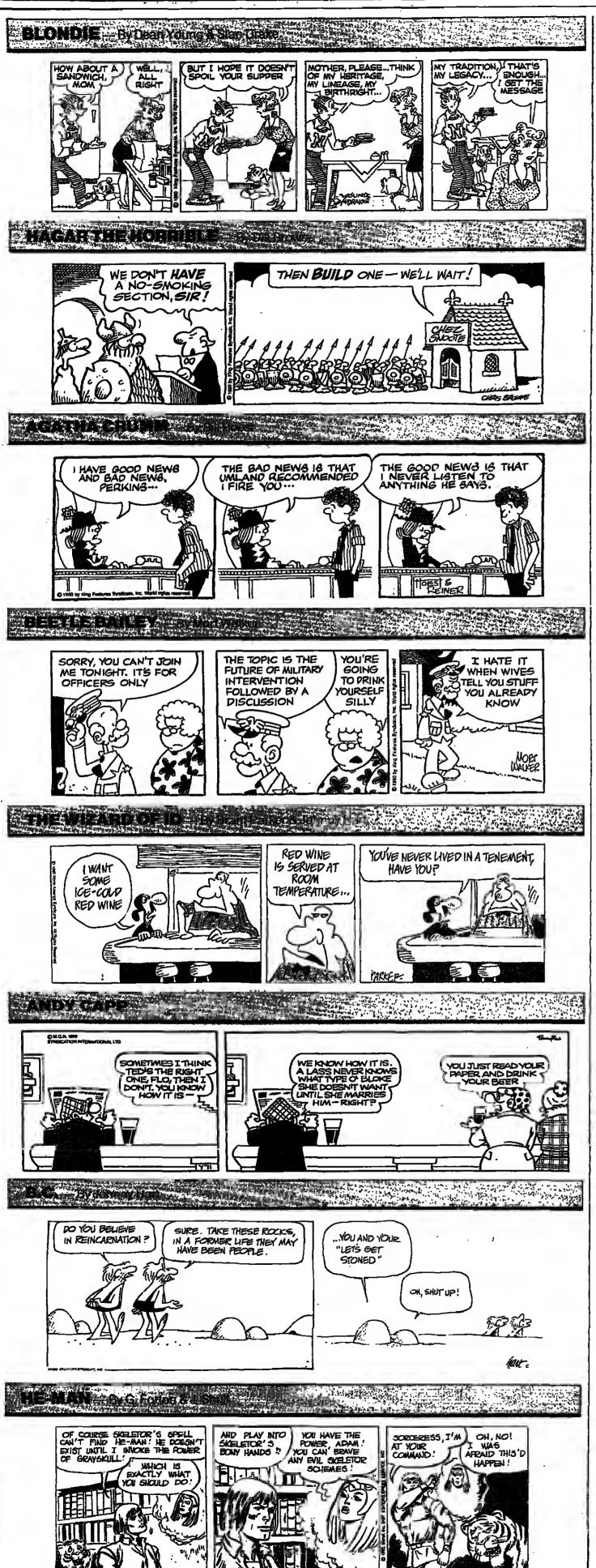
The concert was a musical tribute to the hero of political change in South Africa, Nelson Mandela.

The Afro-Arab Friendship Group planned the concert when Mandela was still in fail; and Namibia had not gained its independence.

Fortunately when the concert took place, Mandala is out and is seen as the greatest hope of Africa and Africans; Namibians have at long last freed themselves from the yoke of colonialism. To them, the group dedicated its concert. And through Airo, Soul and Reggaa sounds, the group's singers, including lead vocalist Steve Michael, paid tribute.

The singers were backed by the Afro Beal Band, group of African musicians. An AfroAmerican member of the group composed a special song that was dedicated to the Palastinian freedom fighters. Bob Marley songs and original music written by Steve Michael were also presented. For the first time in Kuwait, the audience listaned to African music and saw dancers from Sierra Leone and Ghana performing on the Kuwait slage.

Pictura shows lead singer (left) and two Alrican dancers (right). (Picture by Tamin



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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF 'GIVE THE FIEND HIS DUE'

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Be wary if someone hands you a suit combination and asks: "How do you play this holding?" The correct response is: "For how many tricks?'

This hand illustrates the point and fast. The play was as speedy, hut way off target.

West led a spade, taken in the

excellent play by letting dummy hold the trick. Not unnaturally, declarer returned to hand and repeated the finesse. When it lost and the suit broke 4-2, as was only to he expected, declarer found that, without an enemy error, there was no way to come to nine tricks. Down one.

Had declarer needed four tricks from the club suit, or had there been another entry to the table, his play of the hand would have been absolutely correct. But declarer had six tricks in the other suits, so three club tricks would have been enough for game. And there was only one side-suit entry to the board.

To assure the contract against anything hut an outlandish club split, declarer should simply have ducked a club at trick two. Suppose East were to win the nine and return a spade. (No other return would make a difference.) Declarer wins and now takes the club finesse. East wins and clears declarer's last spade stopper, hut declarer can get to dummy with the king of diamonds nicely. The auction was accurate to take three club tricks and, with them, his contract. True, declarer might have taken 11 tricks with a successful club finesse and a lucky closed hand. Declarer finessed the hreak, but why rely on Dame Forjack of clubs, and East made an tune rather than winning technique?



"He says he's been swimming around in circles for three days."

YOUR STARS



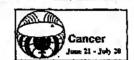
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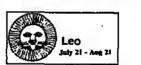
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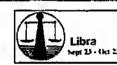
Not everything will be to your liking but you should try to make the best of it. Avoid jumping to conclusions. Something you have been trying to learn will now being to fall into place. Be tolerant.



On out neglect some small infection, if you do it is liable to get worse. If you undertake repairs make sure you have the right tools for the job. Do not rely on guess-work and do not trust to luck either. Be generous.



If you have a slightly upset stomach as you could well have take care, best to eat noly spariogly. If you expect others to do exactly what you would wish them in you will be disappointed. Be less self-



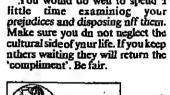
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A scheme that promises to make you rich without much effort is to be taken very much with a pinch of salt. You would be wrong to spend money in the expectation that you will have a lucky win — wait until it actually happens, if it does, Be



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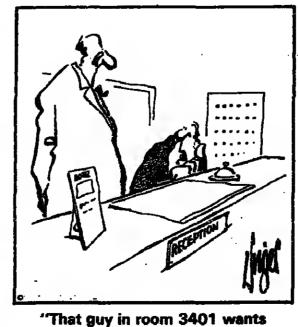
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Nnt everything is as you would wish it to be but things could have been a lot worse. When he was to you should be methodical, do not try to make progress overnight. Avoid being untidy and take bette care of your personal appearan Be frugal. .



Ynu will oot be feeling at your best and would do well to take it easy for the day. Try not to dwell too much an the past and do not allow yourself to be burdened by regrets. Try to do something that will please your partner. Be deserv-



to know when the elevator's gonna be fixed."



"The main thing with a horse is you've got to make sure he knows who's the boss."

VARIETY

A funny thing is happening to Elaine Paige

By Ktima Heathcote

DIMINUTIVE singer-actress Elaine Paige is seriously trying to be funny. And that is quite a new sort of role for her. She usually goes for serious and demanding acting parts, like her West End triumphs in Evita and Chess.

But the five-foot bundle of dynamic energy wants more laughs. So in herlatest stage role. Elaine is playing the funny girl — in Anything Goes.

Looking ber usual poised and pristine

self, Elaine says: "I want to lose my middle-of-the-road identity and become more contemporary."

Starring in a £1.5 million remake of Cole Porter's hit Broadway musical Anything Goes was just the solution Elaine was searching for.

The deal-offering almost £5,000 a week for a one year run in the show — has softened the blow of losing the leading role in the Hollywood movie version of Evita to Meryl Streep.

It also gives her the chance to play hot

gospeller Reno Sweeny — a zany character with punchlines that will have the audience in hysterics. She says: "I saw the show in New York and really enjoyed it. The part is very different from the heavy and demanding

roles I usually play. It is more light-hearted and that's what attracted me." But while her acting career is taking off, Elaine's personal life has hit an all time low.

Her name has often been linked with the millionaire lyricist Tim Rice, who is already married but recently separated from his wife.

But there are rumours that their tem-pestuous affair has ended. Reports say that Elaine gave Rice the same ultimatum be once received from his wife

Jane: "It's her or me."

And close friends of Rice claim he has decided to say goodbye to Elaine, even though Mrs Rice has already served divorce papers upon her husband. Elaine, who is usually tight lipped

about her private life, would not confirm or deny reports about the split, claiming: "I do not discuss my private life, it's so

She does, however, admit to suffering a private anguish — no marriage and no children. She says: "I'm certainly the sort of woman who likes having a relationship. I'm old-fashioned in the sense that I want to marry and start a family."

But as an independent, successful woman, it worries ber that the biological clock is ticking away against ber and she may never have children.

Another stumbling block in Elaine's life has been first night jitters. So, while she treads the boards of her old haunt, London's Prince Edward Theatre, for rehearsals in Anything Goes. thoughts will not be far away from the time she almost quit her glittering singing career because of stage fright.

Elaine, 39, explains: "It got so bad I have to career. I've felt physically ill and in total

panic before I go on stage.
"I seriously thought about it. I didn't know any other alternative. I thought,

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From serious singer-actress to funny girl — that is the challenge Elaine Paige has set herself. She is to star in a new London production of Cole Porter's musical Anything Goes.



Elaine Page sings her heart out in Anything Goes.

'What else can I do?' I had this terrible fear and the easiest way was to run away and not face up to it."

Elaine's anxiety attacks grew steadily worse while she was on the last leg of ber 1987. British tour. She recalls: "I was aware of it prior to the start of my tour, but I was so well rehearsed and I knew I had to do the shows.

"But on one of the dates I did something I've never done before—I dried up. It was while I was singing I Know Him So Well from Chess.

Elaine pauses for a second before continuing: "That was when I realised I bad a real problem. I knew from that moment that every performance I gave after that. especially that song, I would have the ar that I would do it again

"It got to the point where I was out of control. I threw up, I was shaking, tremhling, everything, because I was so worried I would forget the words."

The pressure did not cease for Elaine, a self-confessed perfectionist, even when she was in Evita. While ber fan cluh was growing and critics were lavishing her with praise, Elaine was loathing all the

She explains: "Looking back on it I think what a shame I never enjoyed it. It was awful. It was so terrifying, I was suddenly famous overnight. Imagine what that did to my little life.

"It was frightening. I had nobody. I was totally unprepared. I'm totally the wrong sort of person for sbow business. I'm the opposite of a show-off - performing scares the bell out of me!"

As the star of a thousand and more live ge performances. ! a strong determined character. But sbe confesses that beneath the cool, calm

exterior lies a shy, nervous woman, These days, though, Elaine has learned

how to cope with the panic that suddenly wells up inside. Help came when she visited her doctor about a virus. He referred her to a specialist who taught. Elaine meditation and correct hreathing which she now practices daily.

Sbe says: "I am over it now, thank God. I sought help. I re-learned all the things that I knew anyway, things that I learned at drama school but had forgotten about, such as breathing and relaxa-

Elaine explains: "When you get tense and nervous it shuts off things like the flow of oxygen and blood and your beart palpitates. My heart used to go bang,

bang, bang." laine sstrive for perfection degan as a child. She recalls: "It's part of my character. If I bave a dinner party, I like every-

thing to be absolutely right. "I think I get it from my mother. She

was a milliner and I would watch her as a child spending bours making hats out of virtually nothing. I set standards for myself and that puts a lot of pressure on, hut it's the way I am. I don't want to be second rate or second best."

Elaine, the daughter of a Hertfordshire estate agent, was determined not to fade into obscurity after she made her first stage appearance at the London Palladium in the pantomime Babes In The Wood.

She was in the chorus, aged just 17 and still at stage school. She recalls: "As 1 walked through the stage door each day I used to imagine all the great stars who had appeared there, especially my idol Judy Garland, and I'd daydream of one day starring there myself."

And she did 19 years later when she gave the final performance of her 1987 British tour. It was a fitting finale for a woman who belts out her songs in a big

way.
Then came her American dehut in 1988, singing Don't Cry For Me, Argentina and Memories at a Tribute to Broadway in front of President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy at the White House.

This was followed by the release of her new LP, The Queen Alhum on which she sings the work of rock band Queen. It was one of Tim Rice's ideas — one she admits she is proud of. But she wants to jump off the roundabout of concert/ record/concert/record and is now concentrating on her acting career.

Last year she made a Christmas Save The Children TV special and record and two full-length drama films for British television. Audiences have already seen Elaine in A View of Harry Clark, the first in a new season of plays for British TV. Elaine teams up with British comedian Griff Rhys Jones to play a couple whose happiness is threatened when the husband turns to drink.

"It's a new departure for me," says Elaine, who is also starring in another play, *Unexpected Laughter*, to be shown later in the year. She adds; "As the years roll on things change, your values, what you want from life. I was grateful these TV plays came along. They have given me a taste for acting. I wanted another challenge. Something new."

Elaine admits she still finds her work tiring. But then like a lot of stars, she bas had to work hrd for ber success. She says: "I've never been handed anything, nothing in my life. I've never been given

anything.
And she intends to commit herself 100 per cent to acting. But will the jitters get hold of ber again? "No," she says. "I bave a new approach which has changed my life. I am calmer. I still get nervous, but it is not out of control any more.

"I do like my life and enjoy being single. I don't bave to answer to anybody. I can do exactly what I want. "I'm much happier now about a lot of things and not so concerned about

mind to settle down and have children Yet you can't change what has happened and I have been lucky so far. I'm pretty

Entertainment briefs

Tony Awards

KATHLEEN Turner, current star of a revival of Cat On A Hot Tin Roof on Broadway, will host the 44th annual Tony Awards TV special

The ceremonies, presented by the American theatre wing and the League of America theatres and producers, will he broadcast by CBS-TV New York's Lunt-Fontanne Theatre.

Winners in 19 competitive categories will be presented with trophies along with the regional theatre award and other Tony Honours. The Tonys were founded in 1947 as a memorial to Antoinette Perry, chairwoman of the American Theatre Wing during World War II.

New Candy comedy

John Candy will star in the \$18 million comedy Over My Dead Body to begin production this fall for Dino De Laurentiis Communications. Written by Babaloo Mandel and Lowell Ganz, Over My Dead Body will be directed hy Eugene Levy, who also contributed to the screen-

The film will be shot on location in Monte Carlo and tell the story of three American couples who are drawn to the French Riviera for different reasons and end up implicated in a murder. ŤV try

Barbara Hershey and Brian Dennehy, whose careers in recent years have been mostly in feature films, will co-star on May 22 in the CBS-TV movie "Killing in A Small Town".

The two-hour drama presents Hershey in the role of a matron in a bucolic Texas town who strives to be the perfect wife and mother. When her best friend is murdered, she becomes the prime suspect.

Dennehy enters the scene as the Hershey character's hrilliant defense attorney. Hal Holhrook will be seen as a psychologist and Richard Gilliland appears in the role of Hershey's husband.

48 Hours Principal photography has been completed on Another 48 Hours, starring Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte reprising their characters as the convict and the cop in pursuit of felons.

The pair started in the original 48 hours for Paramount in 1982 under the direction of Walter Hill who also directed the Sequel. The jailhird and the San Francisco police detective have been reunited to run down an elusive crime lord.

Co-starring with the successful team are Brion James, Kevin Tighe and Ed O'Ross in a screenplay written by John Fasano, Jeb Stuart and



Katherine Hepburn: new role

Tony Ortzen looks lika an Enid Blyton hero ... but every day he sifts through stories about reincarnation, outof-body experiences and messages from the dead.

FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM You can reduce your risks of heart attack

QUESTION: I'm vigorous man for my age, and very bealthconscious. However, I think the odds are against me since my father and both his brothers departed at an early age from heart attacks. The more I read about the risk factors for heart attack, the more confused I become. Is it really possible to lower my chances of heart attack and achiéve a normal life span?

Answer: Very possible. Many doctors believe a person can lower his or her risks of such attacks by following good health rules. There are some things that cause heart attacks (known as risk factors) ynu cannut change, such as age, sex, race and a family history of heart disease. Nevertheless, there are causes that depend entirely upon you, and those are the ones you will want to work on since they can

really make a difference. In the past 20 years, certain types of heart conditions and resulting deaths have decreased in this country. That is due to many things, including improved diagnostic methods, new medications, bypass surgery, and better understanding what roles risk factor like age, sex, smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, obesity, diabetes and lack of excercise actually play in heart attacks.

About 85 per cent all heart disease cases in the United States may be attributed to modifiable factors, including smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels,

alcohol, sait, oral contraceptives and obesity.

So stop smoking, and being around those who do, as much as possible. Cigarette smoking is the single most

preventable cause of heart disease and death in the United States. If you have tried "everything" to quit smoking but have not been able to dn so, tslk with your physician. Seriously curtailing excessive alcohol use and climinat-ing as much salt, sugar and animal fats as possible from your diet also can help decrease chances for an attack by

wering your blood pressure and cholesterol. Increasing consumption of fish (some say as many as three meals of fish per week are needed) may prove beneficial in lowering cholesterol levels. Also, if you are sedentary, slowly hut steadily increasing a regular

programme of excercise (try three times each week) can be Obesity raises blood pressures — weight loss helps reverse it. Also, obesity increases cholesterol levels and possibly other heart-damaging conditions. If you are obese, you must lose weight to be healthy. Weight loss will be easier for you if you increase your exercise at the same time, and stay with the exercise after you have become thin

to help you keep the fat off and maintain your health. Additionally, new finding seems to indicate that taking one aspirin daily can help prevent heart attacks in some people suffering from hardening of the arteries who have several, heart attack risk factors.

So you see, it may not be the easiest thing to do, but hy applying all the tips I have given you here (or at least some of them), you can actively wage war on the disease you fear, and increase your odds to the point where you may never

By Frances Hubbard As the editor of a newspaper devoted entirely to the THE spirits were against me when I psychic and supernatural Tony Ortzen clearly believes interviewed Tony Ortzen, the director of Psychie News. For a start, he had forgotthere's life after death ... but he's quick to discredit the ten I was coming - and when I played back my tape later, it went mysteriously

silent just after he mentioned reincarna-Tony, who runs the world's only independent spiritualist newspaper, didn't seem surprised. He is used to far stranger and more threatening things. Matters like premonitions, out-of-body experiences and messages from the beyond are his

bread and hutter. During his 18 years at the paper, Tony has witnessed weird sights which can have only one explanation — that ghosts, or spirits, are all around us. He claims they are a simple fact of death and bis calm, nononsense approach reflects his belief that there is nothing to fear from them.

Tony looks more like a large schoolhoy than a mystic. In his glasses and sensible sweater, with his trusty mongrel Rufus at his side, he could double as an Enid Blyton hero. He isn't psychic and he doesn't even believe in astrology, but he is convinced of life after death.

We met in his tiny basement office, lined with well-thumbed looks on the para-nnrmal. Tony was eager to take the dread out of what is usually a taboo subject, "When we die, I believe we step off this world and on to the next one," be said.

"It's not wrong to make contact with that world, no matter what certain religious groups might say. It's perfectly natural and, if the circumstances are right,

the dead can return to us. "They're drawn through to this side by the love or affection they've felt for a living person and their desire to get in touch. That's the most powerful bond there is. Also, I really do think we bave spirit guides who watch over us and belp us to make the right decisions in life."

Tony believes 99 per cent of the people who claim to have contacted dead friends or relatives through mediums are telling the truth. But be does meet the occasional fake - and he can spot them from a mile

"After a while, you get an instinct about who's genuine and who isn't," he told me. "The vast majority of people who write in to Psychic News are bonest. But I think people who say they've spoken to Stalin, or Marilyn Monroe or Elvis Presley are deluding themselves.

"It just doesn't work that way. You can't conjure up spirits at will, especially if fakes who claim they're in touch with Elvis Presley or Marilyn Monroe!

Keeping up the good work with 'spirits'

there's no genuine link between them and the people at the sitting. The acid test is the bond of affection between the dead and the living. Why should Marilyn Monroe turn out for just anyone?"

Tony, a 38-year-old haehelor who shares his Belgravia flat with Rufus and two cats, had his own dramatic encounter with the "other side" a few years ago when he was introduced to a long deceased relative.

He went to a spiritual meeting, led by medium Nellie Knight, one Christmas and left with seasonal greetings from one of his ancestors.

"Old Nellie arranged us all in a circle and then produced a "seance trumpet"—a kind of aluminium hearing aid that oldfashioned mediums use to help them listen to the spirits," Tony remembered.

"Suddenly, this trumpet shot up in the

air and started to zoom around the ceiling. It wasn't a fake, helieve me, because there was a big Christmas tree in the middle of the room and no-one could bave reached over that to control the trumpet. 'Il spelt out the letters C-L-A-R-E in the

air when Nellie asked who was there and everybody just assumed it was a woman's name. But I knew I'd had an Uncle Clarence, called Clare his family, who'd been an artist. I asked, 'What did Clare do on earth? - deliberately not mentioning the gender.

'The answer came back, 'He was an artist.' Exactly right! There was no-one else in the room who could possibly have known that and, even if I tried as hard as possible to find some other explanation, I couldn't. "Clarence was just dropping by to say

'hello'. I didn't feel frightened and neither did anyone else in the room because it was quite a friendly encounter. In fact, that's true of nearly all communication with the

It all sounded far too cosy to fit in with the crystal balls and ectoplasm tradition of seances made popaular by horror films. I wondered if Tony had expected something more momentous to happen. "Oh no," he said with a wry smile.

"People regard life after death as some-

thing unknown, terrible and awful - quite wrongly in my opinion. They tend to judge it hy the Hollywood yardsuck of moving tables and flickering candles.

"But most people who go to a medium will be disappointed if they want to see special effects. The whole point is to make contact, not to watch a performance." Tony is down-to-earth that it's easy to forget he edits a paper devoted exclusively to topics in the "crank" category. He has faced his share of snide comments about "ghost writers" hut he says attitudes

towards spiritualism are now changing. 'Over the last 15 years I've seen a definite shift towards 'new age' and occult or paranormal books by the major publishing houses. People are interested in those subjects and they want to know more about them. Even TV programmes are

treating those areas more seriously than

they used to. "If people are willing to explore the paranormal, we're just satisfying a demand. And you bave to remember that my job doesn't seem strange to me. It's part of my life now. I don't find the dead half as disturbing as most of the living I meet when I'm standing on an underground train!"

Tony has met interesting people from both categories during the course of his job but one of those he remembers best is a Brazilian psychologist (still living) who is regularly taken over by the spirit of great painters.

Louiz Gasparetto bas produced thousands of paintings, which he sells for charity, in styles that are identical to real Van Goghs, Picassos and Rembrandts to name but a few. His work bas the art experts scratching their heads and collectors nervously wondering about the authenticity of their treasures.

Tony sbared a few hours with Louiz when he visited London 15 years ago. "It was a remarkable experience and it left a very deep impression on me," Tony said.

"Louiz went into a very deep trance -- so deep that his eyes were closed - and in the space of about 50 minutes he produced 13 portraits which were every bit as good as the real thing.

fingers — and at one point both hands were painting at the same time. I saw a Picasso in there, and a Monet, both produced by this totally untrained man who wasn't looking at the paper while he

was working. "No-one, not even a genius, could have done that hy himself. In practical terms it simply wasn't possible, yet I saw it myself. Louiz couldn't remember a thing about it when he snapped back to consciousness because he'd been totally dominated by

the visiting spirits." One of the most popular and controver-sial subjects on the Psychic News letters page is out-of-body experiences. Tony has spoken to bundreds of people who claim to have hovered between life and death while they looked down on themselves from some invisible vantage point.

He told me: "Research into out-ofbody, or near-death, experiences in countries as far apart as locland and America comes up with the same facts again and

"People have the sensation of floating upwards and seeing their bodies lying beneath them. They re perfectly lucid and they can hear snatches of conversation from the people below - and see small details like bald-spots.

They always seem to feel themselves being drawn into a bright, white tunnel of light and sometimes they see the figure of a dead friend or relative beckoning at the end. Of course, we only bear this from people who survive! They're told, 'No, go back, your time isn't right yet.'

"Then they li wake up back at the scene of the accident or the operating theatre they've just left, sometimes in great pain but very much alive. The stories can't be dismissed as pure fantasy because people are able to recount things they've seen or overheard while they've been disem-

bodied. That has to be the best evidence of all that we do have some kind of spiritual after-life. I find it very comforting myself that atheists and Christians alike seem to

share the same experience after death." Tony's beliefs might he unconventional but there's an irresistable logic about his arguments. "in the sense that we're spiritual creatures anyway, there isn't yawning gap between life and death if our

spirits survive," he said.
Personally, I'm looking forward to the chance to meet my granparents again. I'm also looking forward to seeing the re-run of my life that I think we all get when we die. It'll he fascinating — and probably very embarassing too!

SNIPPETS



Mitsuro Yoza, 40, said to be a 'Yakuza' gang member, is esconed by an immigration agent after he was arrested at his rented apartment on Osmena St. Makati.

Leader of Yakuza arrested: Immigration agents arrested

a teader of the "Yakuza" gang who is being hunted by the Tokyo National Police for large-scale smuggling of marijuana and hand guns. Immigration Commissioner Andrea D. Domingo identified the suspect as Mitsuro Yoza, 40, of Okinawa, Japan, who was arrested at a suspected Yakuza "safe house" at the corner of Osmena St and Taguig St, Makati.

Reports reaching the Bureau of Immigration showed that Yoza has been coming in and out of the country for the past eight years by posing as an importer of fertilizer.

It was discovered, bowever, that Yoza had been making use of this cover to bring into Japan cache of marijuana and guns concealed in

The BI intelligence agents arrested another Japanese national wanted in his country for fraud amounting to Y1,858,600.
Information forwarded hy the Japanese National Police to the BI showed that Tadaki Honda, 56, of Shizuoka, Shimoda City, Japan had swindled an electric appliance sales firm hy pretending to be a physician

representing a medical corporation.

He reportedly convinced the firm that he was in charge of huilding a big hospital in the town of Minami Izu. Honda was able to procure from the appliance firm 93 items of

electric goods. He disappeared without making any payment. He slipped into the country on Jan 8, 1989 and his stay here expired

tast Sept 22 When arrested, Honda failed to present his passport claiming that it was taken by a Japanese Yakuza member who made a deal with him.

Meningitis outbreak: The health department warned the public about the outbreak of meningococcal disease, a bacterial infection which develops into meningitis.

The Field Epidemiology Training Programme (FETP) said three deaths and numerous cases have been reported in various hospitals in Metro Manila since April 1.

The disease is also prevalent in certain towns in Butacan, FETP specialists added. The disease attacks both adults and children and prompt diagnosis

and treatment are vital for the patient's survival since it develops rapidly into fatal meningitis. Pencillin remains the only cure, but even those who come in close

contact with patients should be treated with it to prevent the spread of the disease, FETP specialists added.

Symptoms include sudden fever, rashes or "pasa." The patient also deteriorates rapidly and suffers from shock or delirium within 12 to 36

'Move city jail out of the city': Marila Mayor Gemiliano Lopez Ir said he would ask President Aguino to transfer the city jail outside Manila because it is very dangerous to the five million Manila residents. About 1,200 men and women are detained in the city jail. The mayor told newsmen that he had been telling people in Manila

'What if all these inmates got loose from the jail at the same time?" Lopez asked, apparently referring to the incident early morning where masked rebel soldiers attacked the jail to free former Lt Col Billy Bibit. Once the jail is transferred, the site will be converted into a commercial area, he said.

6,140 illegal aliens held in Philippines: A total of 6,140 foreigners who entered the country illegally are in different detention centers in the country, Immigration Commissioner Andrea

We expect to have problems with Chinese, Indians, Middle Easterns and Sri Lankans who are seeking refugee in a third country but are temporarity in the Philippines," Domingo said.

Palawan alone, she said, has 6,000 illegal entrants applying for refugee status being processed by the United Nations High Commis-

sioners for Refugees (UNHCR).

Thirty-nine Chinese illegal entrants, including women and children, are in the Fort Bonifacio detention centre since April 1989.

The refugee transit lounge in Paranaque has 85 illegal entrants who have been there for the last three years. Another 16 Chinese illegal entrants are jailed in Palawan and will be

transferred soon to the intramuros Detention Centre. The Philippines has been involved in the refugee problem because it is a signatory to the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocot, Domingo explained. There are only six signatories in Asia to the 1951 Convention China, Iran, Israel, Japan, Philippines and Yemen.

Bulacan blaze: A 30-minute fire destroyed four houses in Baran-

gay San Juan, San Itdefonso, Bulacan. Police said the houses were owned hy Barangay captain Bonifacio Bades, Bernardo Reyes, Estelita Bades and Eugenio Bades. Police

estimated the damage at P700,000.



Arrested: National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Director Alfredo 'S. Lim (teft) questions Andrew Ronald Litton (second from right) and Karla Marquez, a former movie star, who were arrested by NBI agents for alleged possession of 'shahu,' guns, hullets, and radio sets from thair house. Looking on is Doroleo Rocha (second from left), anti-

What returning overseas workers should know

ANECITO ARENDAIN of Cainta, Rizal, naw in his 40s, worked as a technician in Saudi Arabia from 1983 to 1987, and then again as a plumber in that country from 1988 to 1989. He has since been waiting to leave again. It never took him so long, and now he has problems.

What is a returning overseas contract worker (OCW) to do when he gets back, whether or not he is to leave again? Thousands and thousands like Arendain are in a sense and in varying degrees displaced.
When I informed him that Jose N. Sarmienta.

Administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) had told me last year that there were benefit packages for returning OCWs, one of which was easy cash toans to start a small husiness, it was like the sun broke through very dark

This writer went to the OWWA Building, corner Victoria and Solana Streets, Intramuros (Tel Nos. 404-528, 404-671, just in case) on Friday March 2 to inquire specificalty on behalf of Arendain. Ms Ching Burgos, executive assistant to Admin Sarmiento, very afahly assured me that the Entrepreneurship Development Department tEDDt on the ground floor, through OWWA's Reentry Programme for Returning OCWs through Entreprenuriship Mediation (REPROEM), would see Arendain through his dilemma.

In the absence of EDD bead Ms Tonette Dizon

Mr Freddie Gaite, Edd project specialist, was quite helpful. Based on the xerox copies of Arendain's papers which I presented. Gaite assured me that the former was indeed qualified, being a legal contract worker-returnee. All Mr Arendain had todo was see him with his original papers, and the loaning process for minimum P15,000 for a small business of his choosing would right away begin. I gathered it could take very much less than the standard four months uit Arendain got his toan.

REPROEM, said Gaite, lends from P5,000 to P2.5M the latter sourced from the trade and industry department's Technology and Livelihood Resource Centre, or TLRC). For the smaller toans, 100 per cent collateral is required, with household appliances allowed as collateral. For the millionpeso loans, groups of OCWs banded together are well eligible. Interest is law and every support

appears to be given.

Even if the OCW-returnee has a set husiness in mind, there is a seminar, regularly scheduled by the EDD, to open up other possibilities. The priority thrust now is productivity or production. It's worth the white of OCWs to see what tivelihood, husiness and management training and support can work for

On Thursday March 8, Arendain informed me that he had seen Gaite with my note of introduction, who had in fact moved fast. An ocular inspection of Arendain's house, also the intended site of his entrepreneurial hid, should be occurring just about at this writing. This case will show how fast the OWWA can respond to real need.

Still for the benefit of all OCW's who've returned or are still to return, the brochure on OWWA benefits, programmes and services to which all OCWs are entitled without payment of any membership fee whatsoever (contrary to rumours, or else please report to OWWA or to this column) is readily available upon request (a visit or a letter should do). A fews more tips on very interesting packages:

(a) pre-departure LOAN: substantial cash assistance to newty-hired workers, for documentation expenses before depar-ture, and as tideover fund for the family until first remittance of OCW satary.

(b) Family assistance toan: emergency cash assistance given to the OCW's family to pay off immediate family expenses They are others that took very good.

International Women's Day: A long way from 1857 in Whenever women march anywhere in the world, they win something, somehow, for all women every-

Lakhay-baihan was a motorcade-march by women's organizations last March 8, International Women's Day made historic in 1857 in America. The Gahriela National Women's Coalition made the voice of "the gentler sex" heard loud and clear on the US Bases, Gabriela's focus in this year's commemoration: "the immediate dismantling of these plagues which eat up the bodies and souls of our women and children." Piercing the veil of their gender's second-rate status in rights and law since colonial times, the women thus show that they know how they, and the nation, can be really free.

At 11:30 am March, 8, this writer arrived at the Bonifacio Monument (commonly called "Monumento",) landing point for motorcaders expected at noon from various points in Central Luzon. It was actually a longer wait, as familiar faces Ms Hilda Narciso and Ms Ditas Mallari of the Women's Crisis Centre kept me company, and as we rounded the Monument to the north side (with ease, thanks to the outpost policeman who escorted us upon my request, to avoid a much longer walk). Later, I learned that the detegation from my Layak, Bataan was detayed by tedious checkpoint searches allegedly for fugitive Cagayan Gov. Aguinaldo and his men. Delegations from Olongapo City were also expected to be delayed.

Gabriela chair Sr Mary John Mananzan was in a quietly inspired mood, as she gave me a lift to the Quezon City Welcome Rotunds, Lakbaybaihan rendezvous point, from where the march would start. On the way, she waved on motorcaders sprinkling out of Monumento, as I sat in back with women advocates-friends Ms Evangeline de Pedro and Ms Teresa Balayon, thinking that we had after all come full circle from various points and taking various routes since Sister stood in our high school classrooms at St Scho.

At Welcome, the stage-carrier, the banners, the

effigies and symbols of women's oppression brought by the US Bases were readied, the latter to be junked from garbage pushcarts in front of the US Embassy during the event highlight: the serving of notice of termination of the US-RP Military Bases Agreement. ("Let us shout our rejection of the Bases exploratory talks, for this is hut a haggling session for the right price," say the women, "hy which Philippine sovereignty and security could be sold."

There is no other new but Out and new They side! There is no other way but Out, and now!" They cite the culture of violence and destruction bred by the Bases: prostitution, drugs, rape, physical violence, Aids; nuclear arms, from which one megaton couldkill millions in Central Luzon in 15 seconds.

About 3:00 pm, I saw some 40 vehicles streaming. in with banners of gold, silver-grey, hlue, red, green, fuschia, the multicolour combinations dominated by lilac or purple. I saw the banners of the Todo Sanguniang Kristiyanong Komunidad (skk). Women's Resource and Research Centre (WRRC). Samahan ng Malayang Kababaihang Nagkakaisa (Samaka), Amihan-Pambansang Pederasyon ng Kababaihang Maghuhukid, courage or Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of

Government Employees, and others.

I will also remember two things about Lakbay-baihan; one is Gabriela's reminder of the lesson of alt March 8s since 1857, when thousands of American women garment workers marched against repressive factory-state policies — that

rights are not granted, but won.
The second is that on this March 8, it rained From a drizzle greeting my arrival at 1:30 hy public bus. to a downpour at about 3:15 drenching Sister and Ms Nelia Sancho and other Gabriela leaders up front and the thousands who still hraved the odds with only instant P15-hats and lilac bandannas as shields, I gleaned a message from the skies. Not so much that cloud-seeding from On High can dampet mass action, but more so, that lifegiving to a parched land is best given to women.



are too many customers ordering

chicken joy and they are not

enough for the customers. Alth-

ough we given allowances for that, if possible, more chicken

joy should be prepared so that

people will not wait even for ten

food and nutrition at the College

of the Hoty Spirit. For a time.

after graduation, she catered for friends at the same time for a

After the board exams, she

went to Canada to take up her

uncle's offer to take charge of an

export firm which participated in

a Vancouver Fair called the Philippine National Exhibition.

The Philippines was the bost

country and all products from

the Philippines were distributed

Philippines and I learned a tot from there. I stayed for nearly a

month and I learned several cul-

tures of the different nationalities when they came to buy our

products. A huyer is allowed to return what he has bought if he

does not like it and the money is

refunded to him. Anybody who

ends up not tiking the colour of

what he bought, can return it. Here, it's "no return, no exchange."

Malou has been with Jollibee

for seven years now and is quite

enjoying her work. Her friends

could not understand why such a

pretty woman, framed in a com-

pact figure with intelligence and

a capacity for hard work, should

still retain her single-hlessedness.
"I'll forsake my single life if I

can find someone who is tolerant

of my joh, is stable, one whom I

can respect and most of all, one

whom I love," she laughs. "It's

hard to find such men nowadays

but don't worry I may find him

someday and that will be the

to the different stores there. "It was a showcase for the

professional license.

Malou is a graduate of B.S.

Bondad's Bondage

For all the 15 years that Manual Bondad has been in the couture husiness, he has kept alive the tradition of the old masters undar whom he had trained - Emil Valdez, Casimiro Ahad and Ernie Arandia --the Balenciagas of the '60s for whom draping is a prerequisite techique and the cut tha ultimate art. Among today's humper crop of designers, it is only Bondad, and few others, who can lay claim to being a couturier, a clothes maker, in the strict sense of the word - and in the grand tradition. He still Insists on draping on the mannequin, cutting the cloth himself and fitting, until every seam and every fall of the cloth are infinitesimally right.

I LOVE this job," Matou Santos

enthuses, "although it is not an

easy one. This is not the usual

eight-to-five joh most women

have. Ninety-five per cent of my time is spent out in the field visit-

ing a maximum of three outlets

and a minimum of one a day.

There is never a day that I don't

go around, wett, sometimes

there's an off-day but even then, I

make surprise visits to Jollibee, although not officially." Petite and Pretty Malou is talking of her joh as Food.

Service and Cleanliness Superv-

isor (FSC) handling the audit

team of one of our largest eating

places, Jollibee, which has now

fifty outlets in Metro Manila.

Jollibee's food, service and cleanliness rules have very high stan-

dard and these should be strictly

followed to the letter. Franchise

or not, these standards have to be

maintained, otherwise there will be the devil to pay. Either the

outlet is closed or given a warn-

ing hy the management.

Malou's joh is to inspect these

outlets seeing to it that the foods served contain fresh ingredients.

warm upon reaching the cus-

tomers who should be satisfied

with what they are eating.

Employees must be polite, cour-

teous and hetpful to the cus-

tomers. Smile and be cheerful

when greeting them, is one of the rules which must be complied.

Cleanliness should prevail in the

outlet. Even in the back area,

hygiene and sanitation are

required. Servers should have

"it is the totality of the store that I

observe when I come to inspect.

Sometimes people complain that

they are made to wait for ten

minutes before they can be

served with chicken joy. Now, I

ask them why since we required

fast service in all our outlets. Per-

haps the main reason is that there

"In other words," says Malou,

neat and clean clothes.

So one can understand why Manuel Bondad would nevar to go into RTW mass production. The tdea shocks him and horrities him no and, this artist for whom coulure is always haute and designs ara divinely, decadently grandiose.

Bondad is the high priest of drama. Last year at a reception in London for the Miss World candidates, ha dressed up Dana the pageant, in a muslim-inspired ecru gown dripping with seed pearls and thousands of Kapis shells for sequins. When she entered the hall, she made soft chiming and linkling that drew all eyes to her imperious appearance. Drop-dead is

Malou reveals that part of Inllibee's programme is to hire

"mystery shoppers," just ordin-ary people who are requested by

management to eat in certain

outlets pretending to be cus-

tomers so that they can secretly

check if these outlets adhere to

the food, service and cleantiness

standard of Jollibee. Through

this programme, management

also learns what foods are salea-

ble and what are not. Outlets that

have very high standards are

recommended for awards during

violators or idlers off-guard.

I guess I was influenced by him."

be on the alert."

more time for it.

the key to many ot Bondad's grandiose schemes. And they are schemes with painstaking workmanship. He creates Rococo or Byzantina effects with black crape, beaded and sequinned, and mada more opulant by a French lace and ostrich feathers. His little black dresses are arias in high C, molto appassionate in velvet with rose appliques in satin and huga ribbons. And he thinks nothing of plunging tha neckline, back and Iront, to heightan the

SUSpense Even his harong dresses are unexpected. Instead of the calado, he uses chantilly and French heavy lace lor a more cosmopolitan (read: glamorous) look. To perk

When I went to the States for

a vacation last year, I discovered

that the women there, even the

Filipino women are very

liberated. I'm partly liberated,

too but I was shocked about the

goings-on-there. Respect for

elders seems to have vanished in

thin air. The older people there

told me, "Hija, it's so clear that

you are not from this place

because you still use "po" and "ho" in your conversations. I'm

up his harong for men, he uses Indian sari

Bondad's high drama was staged at the Fiesta Pavillion of the Manila hotel last March 30, produced by Capricon Ventures headed by his protega Lorna Legaspl, reigning Miss Asia Quest, along with Mike Tan and Austin Sy. You guessed It, it was an opulent show of 140 all-couture creafeaturing 19 different hues of roses, from mint green to lavendar, provided and arranged by Kresster, Inc. The whole ballroom was actually transformed into a lahulous hower of blooms of lottage, in

Bondad's signature grand lashion.

She's got watchful eyes Filipino values acquired when still a child.

"Definitely," she opines, "I'm still for the old traditional views

on courtship and marriage. But let's not talk about it now. It's really a question of priorities and mine is still Jollibee."

Whoever he is who can pry



Maria Clara type but at least, we Filipino women should try to retain our old values and views especially on love and marriage and courtship.

Malou away from Jollibee is certainly lucky, more if he can make her say, "I do" to him.

Music buff

● Heartheat of Love — Pia Zadora (OctoArts). Bold actress Pia Zadora returns via her new album. Pia Z.; featuring this single produced and arranged hy studio vet, Narada Michael Walden. A danceable cur.

 All I Wanna Do Is Dance Collete (OctoArts). Recent Manila visitor, Collette - after the hits Ring My Bell (remake) and Ordinary Man - delivers another foot-stomping dance tune called All I Wanna Do is:

What Kind of Man Would I Be—Chicago (WEA). Lifted off the group's Greatest Hits 1982-1989 alhum, I'm sure you've heard this one released way back in 1988. The WEA people deemed it wise to reissue this? ballad to promote Chicago's come;

 Just Between You and Me — Lou, Gramm (WEA). The voice behind Foreigner's Cold as to and I want To Know What Love Is goes sold (actually, this is his second LP). Taken from his latest LP, Long Have Look, this single is Ameican Top 40

● Don't Say Goodbye — Anthony Thomas (OctoArts). After tosing BMG, the new local recording company now operating under new man-agement, Octo looked deeper into smaller, hut otherwise potent, labels like this one called Next Plateau. Hoping to squeeze the label's potenpaying aff quite nicely.

 Right Back Where We Started From-Sinitta (Octo Arts). Another one of those untapped resources from a small tabel (Fanfare). All rehashed singles — like this one — due to the listner's familiarity with them (depending on their age), are instant hits. Not like new songs that need promos and radio plugs (payola), not to mention the dance contests that proliferate on noontime television shows.

 Keep It Together — Madonna (WEA). The fifth single off the teasing lady of rock, Madonna, will be just another run-off-the-mill type like its predecessors. Translatioo: Se-so hit. "Nuff said. Simply — Sara Hickman (WEA). After getting nothing but ho-hum singles for this issue of WQ, here

comes a discovery. THE MISS SAIGON

DOUBLE LP. NOW AVAILABLE

t just got a copy of the Miss Saigon
the original London cast recording
double cassette, and just look ing at it gives me chills up and down my spine. Lea Salonga is undoub-tedly the first Filipino artist to gain international success, after Freddie Aguilar's Anak (but this one pales in

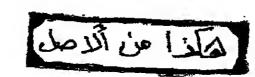
Aguilar's Anak (but this one pales in comparison), giving our country the much-needed media mileage and recognition all over the world.

The double cassette release, as in most of WEA's products, is packaged neatly with colored (5 folds) photos of the cast, including liner notes from Mark Steyn. And hearing the songs feels like you're actually seeing it five in London.

They say she's coming back home for a much deserved break, but in the meantime, does Cory's government plan to welcome her with a big bang's Sure hope so...

Sure hope so ...

NOTES: Joey Ayala recently played in Red Rocks, versue for underground groups, last March 19 10 a full capacity crowd. New songs were unveiled by the Davao-based artist that night. Guess who was in the crowd? Apa Ongpin... Emitted Tuazon, owner of R.T. was busted by NARCOM, agents with illegat possession of shabu and firearms. Meanwhile, his sister Marta is taking over the FM station.... Fan Club, a foreign dance group from Octo, is coming over to do a promotional coming over to do a promodonal tour. Heard that two original members will give interviews to the press. An insider intimated to this writer that their once-upon-a-time bahy is harping about being a 'frozen delight' queen with no new releases in sight. The insider also told me that their former charthusting lady is jealous of another female artist getting all the attention these days.



Manny Paner

Lost for twenty hours

THERE are certain types of people who are drawn to the supernatural and I must confess I am one of them!", reveals Manny Paner, husband to movie actress Daisy Romualdez and former San Miguel Beer basketball

player.
Manny grew up in Naalad, a
moie and a small barrio somewhere in Cebu where trees and cogons grew in abundance. Populated hy 500 families, almost everyooe koew each other. .

Manoy describes the place is too far from civilization, a place ideal for one who wants peace

and solitude, and most of all, for engkantos."

"My mother being the village hilot," he continues "as well as herbolaryo, she knew all the tales about the haunted places, the mangkukulams and the aswangs. She personally treated a village girl, presumably hared by the invisible creatures of the underworld, who came back with mental shock. These tales made me wonder when I would encounter hem too. I found out I didn't have to wait too long."

He remembers, "I was six

when my friends and I went to play near the riverbank. We saw it was more shady there than under the balete tree so we decided to take a nap under the tree instead. When I woke up, I saw the eyes of the whole village upon me. They seemed to be shocked to find me there.

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Plancau.

"I found out I had been lost for 20 hours. The whole village population joined in the search and it was only at 10 am of the following day that I was found asleep under the balete tree. They told me they had skirted the area for several times before seeing me "An old man voiced out what

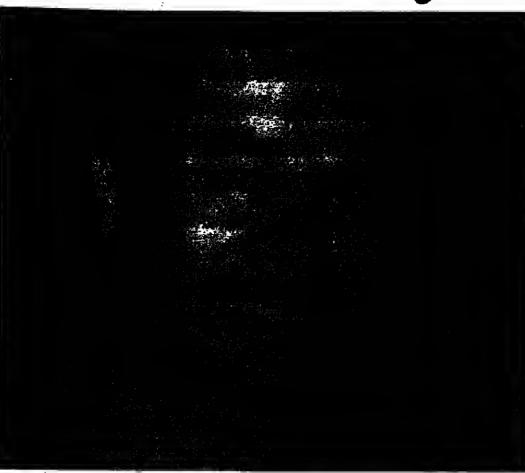
they kept him for several hours." From that time on, Manny's aparents became overly protective of him. He was never allowed to go out alone — much less when darkness had set in.

everyone feared: "The engkantos

must have taken a fancy to him so

At 15 however, he shunned this protective attitude of his parents. At five feet six inches in height he thought he was already. a full grown man. He wanted his share of independence. He would go out and stay with friends till the wee hours. Serenading and ttending fiestas with his barkada became a fovourite pastime. His parents could not do any-

thing about it.
"Once," he narates, "after a harana session at a neighbouring barrio, my friends and I started our trek back home. It was a beautiful night with the moon full and bright. We had a grand time kidding one another that the girl we had just visited had her



eyes fixed on me. The silence of the night was broken by our loud laughter. Upon reaching the balete tree (the one under which I had some unusual experience as a child), we paused a while thinking we heard the sounds of rustling leaves. Looking up at the same time, we were amazed to see the whole tree shaking. Leaves fell all around. There was neither rain oor wind that evening. Shocked, we looked at one another and then scampered to different directions. We conver-

"It was then that we realized that we were only brave in front of normal people, but amidst an invisible creature, we could be the greatest cowards. We thought we heard laughter and to our surprise we found we were laughing at ourselves."

ged in our house, the nearest

refuge. My mother didn't know

whether to get angry at us or pity

It wasn't long after this incident, that Manny came to Manila. He became one of the solid mainstays of the San Miguel Beer basketball team. He developed a habit of inserting a minute image of the Sto Nino inside his sock. Asked whether he depended oo the Sto Nino for his team's victory, he answered. "Absolutely not! I had the image with me for protection against physical injury. I was afraid of a fracture or a booe dislocatioo. Rough playing was already a practice then and some players could be violent so long as I had the Sto Nino image in my sock, I

whoever was trying to frighten us

would eventually give up after

"I was wroog. In the weeks that followed, the incidents got

worse. The heavy footsteps and

the knockings now occurred

three times a week. On the fourth

week, I found myself being drag-

ged from the bed. I would have

fallen had I oot awaken on time.

These strange happenings were

not only manifested to Daisy and

Even after a month, the

We invited my mother to

me, but to the maids as well,"

strange happenings continued.

come over from Cebu so she

could instruct us on what to do.

She ordered us to kill a native

chicken, sprinkle blood on all the

windows and doors of the house.

We cooked the chicken meat

without any salt and offered il to

ces did not cease. Another her-

bolaryo told us to have four can-

dies as big as the house posts

made. But for me my mother's

ritual was the last straw. Daisy

and I made the decision to move

out of the house. Neighbours

gave us the feedback that death

struck the family of the previous

occupants and the wake lasted

for almost three months. They

had waited for the arrival of a

member of the family from the

States. They thought the spirit of

the dead person might out have

To our dismay, the occurren-

the spirit, for appeasement.

realising we were oot afraid."

The supernatural encounters continued even when the Paners moved to Matimtiman St, Quezon City, in 1977.

We rented a hungalow with a billiard room and a mezzaninejust ideal for Daisy and me," he recalls. "I was particular about the billiard room because I love the game. So I took time fixing it. I was observing how I could add more light when, looking up, I saw the fluorescent lamp slowly falling. On hitting the marble floor, I expected it to break into pieces, but to my amazement it didn't. I picked up the lamp, put it back in its case and switched oo the light. It was still okay. Though puzzled, I just shrugged off the incident as an unusual

"A week later, at around 10 pm Daisy and I were awakened by heavy footsteps. They stop-ped near our bedroom door and knocks followed. After some hesitation, I opened the door but there was no one. I went back to bed. Nothing strange followed."

"Three days after that, footsteps began again, this time accompanied by clanging of chains. Neither Daisy nor I stood up to open the door. We agreed to ignore it. We hoped that

wanted any other occupant in the house." He recalls how unnerved he

was on their last day in the house. At around 10 pm I must have been half asleep because I thought I dreamed of Daisy shouting for help. On waking, I was stunned to see her being dragged hy the foot hy an invisi-ble hand. Daisy was holding on tightly to the corner of the bed. I suddenly grabbed her and the invisible object stopped pulling her. The usually brave Daisy was so frightened and hysterical that she woke up the entire household

The basketball player has had straoge advectures with the number 7 too. Any year ending in seven proves to be a significant one in the life of Manny Paner, "It all started io 1957. I just

didn't know why I developed lung infection when I used to be so healthy. It almost turned into active TB had I not been hospitalised in time," he recalls.

"lo 1967, I was riding a motorbike together with two friends. This was in Cebu. We were about 10 make a right turn when out of nowhere came a jeep. I lost my balance and before I realized it we had a head oo collision. Thrown off three metres away from my motorhike, I had a broken kneecap which kept me hospitalized for a month. The irony of it all was, my friends just suffered some scratches and even the driver of the jeep came out of the accident unscathed.

Then came 1977. That was the year we lived in the haunted house and of the recurrence of

my ulcer. "10 1987, I almost met the grim reaper. Haviog just had ao operation on a troublesome haemorrhoid, I wanted to make up for lost time as a player. I got the go-signal of my doctor to attend a practice session. Perhaps I might have overdone it for when I went home at around 5 pm I noticed a little hleeding. By pm however, the bleeding had become profuse. I had to be rushed to the hospital. At 10 pm my heart stopped beating. I was rushed to the operating room

and revived. "I consider these supernatural encounters as sort of an awakening, an awareness that there are really ooo-visible beings. The physical pains I experienced turbecame more sensitive towards the needs of others because I had been there.

"But I am oo firm ground wheo it comes to matter of faith. Father Ming and Father George, two priests frieods from the SVD, keep me fit spiritually and physically. They're my tennis opponents, you know," affirms Manny, with a smile. MM

From the provinces



Tariac programme

Budgel Secretary Guillermo Carague (centre), Bernabe Buscayno (fait), former New Peopla's Army leader 'Commander Dante,' and Tarlac Gov. Mar Un Ocampo (nght) meet with larmers on Buscayno's Integrated People's Livelihood programme in Capas, Tarlac, President Aquino visited Capas to see the progress of Buscayno's programme, distributed land emancipation patants, and toured various factories.

MANILA: Rep Julio Ozamiz of Misamis Occidental, vice-chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, speaking at the "Kapihan sa Alps" with BIR Commis-sioner Jose Ong and Court of Appeals Judge Mariano Filart, has deplored the impressioo "that it is always and only the taxpayer who is

wrong. He urged the BIR to go after grafters in the hureau. He added that the best way to increase collections is to motivate the people to pay the correct taxes by convincing them that an honest effort to climinate the graft and corruption in the bureau is being undertaken, that the taxes will all go to the government, that they will be used for the benefit of the public, and that tax-fixing for a fraction of the amonot due is oot possible and will be penalised.

BALANGAN, Bataan: An official of Caltex Petroleum Corp. in Dallas, Texas, has expressed concern for the fishermen and the farmers economically affected by the oil spill of Bataan last Jan 25.

Raymood F. Johosoo, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the firm, said in a letter to Gov. Leonardo B. Roman that he was interested io Philippine affairs and the welfare of its people.

Saying he spent many years in the country in the employ of Caltex Philippines, Johnson said he was most concerned over the prospect of economic and social dislocation of the fishermen and the far-

Caltex will try to do all it can to resolve the issue arising from the oil spillage "io the spirit of constructive co-operation," he said, adding Caltex Philippines will take up the matter with the gover-

A Makati Regional Trial Court (RTC) judge seotenced a man to life imprisonment after he was found guilty of selling two foils of marijuana to lawmen who posed as drug addicts last

August.

Io his 12-page decision.

Makati RTC ludge Oscar Pimentel meted the maximum punishment to Sonny Tooedo of 2641 Interior 36, Pasig line, Sta Ana, Manila. Tonedo was also ordered to pay a fine of P20,000 for violating Sec. 4 of Article II, Republic Act 6425 koown as the Dangerous Drugs Act of 1975.

Tonedo was arrested hy Makati police narcotics agents last Aug 11 at the corner of Makati and Ayala avenues in Makati.

Ooe of the operatives, patrolwoman Elizabeth Mendoza, posed as a buyer of the two foils of dried marijuana leaves for P20.

BALANGA Bataan: A team of medical specialists and consultants from the Heart Centre of the Philippines will hold here a five-day free consultation on cardiovascula diseases from March 191023.

Dr Rolando S. Banzon, chief of both the Bataao provincial hospital and the integrated provincial health office (IPHO), said that Health Secretary Alfredo Bengzon is sending the team to Bataan in line with the Department of Health's medical-surgical outreach

The provincial health officer said the team will look into the causes of cardiovas-cular illnesses which, he said, topped the list of killer diseases in Bataan last year. He said the team will be led by Dr Agripino D. Reloza, assistant director for medical services.

Gov. Leonardo B. Roman thanked Bengzon and Health Undersecretary Antooi Periquet for including Bataan in the health department's outreach programme for

three successive years. He said the Bataan officialdom is grateful and happy over the gesture accorded to the Bataenos by the DOH.

MANILA: Brig. Geo. Marino Filart, PC Capital Regional Command (Capcom) chief and Metropolitao Police Force (MPF) director, stood firm oo his policy of transferring erriog policemeo io Metro Manila to the provin-

Filart said that he has directed the four police district superioteodent io Metro Manila to the provioces.

Filart said that he has directed the four police district superioteodeots in Metro Manila to suhmit the names of "rogue policemen" for possible transfer to far-flung provinces.

"We cannot boot them (policemen) out immediately. We will have to go through iovesligation to find out if they deserve to be taken to the province," Filart explained.

The idea of a new policy, he policemen to reform themselves in a new environment. "Sometimes, if a policeman

has been assigned to a place for many years, and they have takeo roots, they become untouchables," Filart said. The Capcom chief said

Maj. Gen. Cesar Nazareno. PC chief, has supported his eations against erring policemen. Other sectors have criti-

cised the policy, saying that this would oot solve the problem of erring policemen and that the provinces would become a dumping ground for them.

Filart explained that the province would not be a dumping ground for erring policemen, saying those in the milita, and he PC are transterred to other places ool because of iocompetence hut for their improvement.

Most promising Negrense cagers

FT is encouraging to note that among more than 70 candidates who are thying out for the RP national junior team, three come from Bacolod City. It has been a long time since outstanding young cagers of national caliber in the mould of Francis Arnaiz, Jimmy Nohlezada, Yves Dignadice and Naning Valenciano have made Negros and Panay proud of its sports heritage. With the sports development programme initiated by the Negros Basketball Association through its year-round sponsorship of tournaments, the Bacolod youngsters are again motivated to improve their potentials in the sport. From this new crop of youngsters has emerged three outstanding teenagers each one deserving of a slot in the national junior team. They are:

TEODORICO J. FERNANDEZ III

This 18-year-old point-guard standing at 5'7" is Bacolod's version of the legendary Hector Calma. Those who have followed the PABL San Miguel Beer Cup competitions in the last Maharlika Cup tournament, will surely remember Boyet Fernandez' key role in the NBA-Bacolod team's winning the championship. Previous to this, Boyet impressed many with his performance as the court-general of the University of San Agustin (Bacolod) team in last year's National Students' Championships hosted by Pasig. This intense cager has become the object of many PABL teams' interest. When Boyet decides to play in the PABL, he will definitely be an asset to any team he joins. Presently, Boyet is in his fourth and final year in Nursing at the University of San Agustin in

Bacolod City.

"MANUEL LUIS B. LOCSIN—is an 18-year-old equipped with an 6'3" height and well-built at 180 pounds. "Noti" has the potential to become the most dominant power forward in collegiate basketball. Now training with the De La Salle Green Archers, this sophomore Commerce student was recruited by coach Derek Pumaren. The only time this highleaping and flashy forward played to Manila audiences was during the National Inter-Collegiate tournament in Pasig last year when he impressed many with his confidence and skill as a member of

the University of San Agustin-Bacolod Golden Eagles. Manila cage fans will surely hear a lot more about this young Negrense. WILMER C. ONG — When he was only 15 years old. Wilmer, who stands 6'4" and weighs 210 pounds, was already being referred to as the Benjie Paras of Bacolod City." Defense-oriented, Wilmer, now 19, is a centre-forward who averages 20 rebounds per game and contributes 15 points per game. A third year commerce student, major in agri-business management at De La Salle-Bacolod where he is the top centre, Wilmer finished high school at Tay Tung. His coach in both schools is John Imperio. Although he has never played in Manila, Wilmer has accounted himself impressively against top Manila cagers in Bacolod tour-naments: Born in Cadiz City, Wilmer credits Bro. Roly Dizon of De La

Salle-Bacolod for his guidance and support. All the above three candidates to the RP Youth team were members of the NOPSSCEA Selection that successfully participated in the Goodwill Games Invitational Tournament held in Taiwan last year.

PELITA JAYA INVADES MANILA

Indonesia's Pelita Jaya ballclub is probably the only Asean baskettall chub to come to Manila with the sole purpose of training the team in reparation for Indonesia's annual national basketball competition, the Kobatama tournament. Its decision to train and earn experience for players was made not only because it has a Filipino coach in Nathaniel Canson but because it realizes that the team can be honed better and faster practicing against Philippine teams who are decidedly better and faster practicing against Philippine teams who are decidedly hibre advanced in playing skills techniques, and experience. While in Manila, it has more than its fill of collegiate and commercial teams to practice with. In Jakarta, there is a shortage of strong teams to play his fact with the fact that Indonesian has a contraction in the fact that Indonesian has a contraction of the fact that Indonesia against. An added incentive is the fact that Indonesians have a social

and cultural affinity to the Filipinos and are accepted and welcomed as blood brothers in the Asean region.

The Pelita Jaya team, owned by the Bakrie Group of Companies, an Indonesian conglomerate in manufacturing, agriculture, electronics, services, mining and finance industries, was established in late 1986 hy Indra Bakrie in pursuit of his commitment to promote and develop basketball in Indonesia. Other sports supported and subsidized hy Bakrie are soccer, considered as the national sport of Indonesia, badminton, tennis, track and field, gymnastics, baseball and volleyball. Basketball, still in an infant stage in that country of 170 million, has recently been activated mainly through the dedicated efforts of Bakrie.

The Pelita Jaya team arrived last January 24 and proceeded to Baguio City the following day to participate in the Best Shot tournament. It placed third after the Far Eastern University Tamaraws and the San Sebastian College Stags. Thereafter, it returned to Manila and followed a regimented schedule of practice games twice a day and has completed an estimated total of 24 games during their two-week stay in Manila. The new Pelita Jaya team, composed of only four leftovers from the original lineup with a majority of young and tall new recruits, have surprised their Manila opponents with their marked improvement in skill, technique and self-confidence. Their players range from 17 years to 27.

The first time the Pelita Jaya team came to Manila was in 1988 when it joined the PABL Invitational tournament.

Qatar and Kuwait are the other two countries who underwent extensive training and practices with Manila teams in preparation for their local tournaments and have emerged successful in the process.



Boyet Fernandez, Noll Locsin and Wilmar Ong.

Vivian Velez Vivian Velez returns

VIVIAN VELEZ, who's 28, is making a comeback on the wide screen after more than four years of absence (her last film was the 1985 Metro Manila filmfest entry Paradise Inn for which she bagged two best actress awards -the MMFF and FAMAS.

She sought greener pasture in California for a year and half. But was disenchanted, and went

home. But her comeback picture, Boy Amores, (opposite Anthony Alonzo) is more of a reunion for them. They co-starred in the boxoffice hit Ben Tumbling, his higgest film ever.

Boy Amores (a true-to-life vehicle not unlike Ben Tumbling) served only as side line for Miss Body Beautiful. She has been more serious and devoted to portraying Imelda Marcos io the TV miniseries for the ioternational market - Chito Rooo's Dahil sa Iyo.

And it's also Rono who's directing her in the Viva project Laman, which was originally meant for Hilds Koronel. Laman will also star Zulueta and Julio Diaz. Velez regards this film as her real McCoy comeback picture. No doubt about it, the film title fits her to a big "T."



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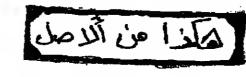
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Surrey slam 707 for nine

Cook hits unbeaten 313

In a day of high scores around the sun-drenched country, Ian

Greig came close to emulating

Cook's triple century as Surrey scored a massive 707 for nine

declared against Lancashire at

the Ovai, the second highest in

It was Greig's first champion-

ship century, and when he was

finally caught on the long-on

boundary for 291 he had recor-

ded the highest score by a Surrey

player since Sir Jack Hobbs

Greig's innings ended in a cres-

cendo with three successive sixes

off David Hnghes and another

off the first ball of Dexter Fit-

and 25 fours and his runs came

from only 251 deliveries.

Altogether he hit nine sixes

His stand of 205 with Martin

Bicknell (42) beat by one run a cluh record for the eighth wicket

Injury-hit Northamptonshire

will have looked at the run-glut

elsewhere with envious eyes.

They were dismissed by Derhy-

shire for just 50 in their second innings 10 be heaten hy an

innings and 51 runs inside two

Rohbed through injury of three players — Allan Lamh, David Ripley and Nick Cook —

Northants were ripped out in 17

England paceman Devon

Malcolm (three for 25) and West

Indies fast bowler lan Bishop

(four for 25) did the damage after

Derhyshire had scored 303 in

their first innings, a lead of 101.

overs for their lowest champion-

ship total for 44 years.

which had stood for 93 years.

made 316 in 1926.

ton's next over

South African Jimmy Cook hit a Grecord unbeaten 313 yesterday as his English county Somerset declared at 535 for two on the second day of their championship cricket match with Glamor-

It was Cook's best total and the highest individual score ever against Glamorgan, surpassing Wally Hammond's 302, which he achieved twice for Gloucestershire against the Welsh county in -1934 and 1939.

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Cook hammered 42 boun--daries to reach his treble century in 498 minutes and shared an unbroken third-wicket stand of 285 with captain Chris Tavare, who made 120.

But he finished nine short of the best score by a Somerset player, still held by West Indies captain Viv Richards who blas-ted 322 against Warwickshire in

Richard, now with Glamorgan, witnessed Cook's innings at



Devon Malcolm

first hand. He even dropped Cook at slip on Thursday when he was on 197.

In his first season of English county crieket last year, Cook scored 3,143 runs for Somerset including 11 centuries, four of them in succession in the county

championship.
It was the highest score in England since Worcestershire's Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick 405 not out - against Somerset almost two years ago to the day.

Cook, who praised the Cardiff pitch, called for all championship matches to be held over four days. "It would help young bats-man prepare for Test crieket, especially with wickets like hese," he said.

At present, there are more three-day games in the competi-

He added: "I had a great first season in the county championship but the second is almost certain to be harder for me because bowlers know my strengths and



lan Greig

Scores

At Cardiff: Somerset 535 for two declared in 154 overs (J. Cook 313 not out, C. Tavare 120 not out). Glamorgan 198 for three in 75 overs (M.Cann 64, H. Morris 52).

At the Oval: Surrey 707 for nine declared in 165.1 overs (1. Greig 291, M. Bicknell 42). Lancashire 179 for one in 55 overs (G. Mendis 97 not out, M. Atberton 56 not out). At Edgbaston: Yorkshire 167

in 71.5 overs and 139 for five. Warwickshire 259 in 80.5 overs (N. Smith 83 not out, G. Humpage 52; S. Fletcher four for 47). At Chelmsford: Leicestershire 520 in 181 overs (C. Lewis 189 not out). Essex 158 for one in 41

overs (G. Gooch 73 not out).
At Folkestone: Sussex 356 in 140.4 overs. Kent 192 for one in 77 overs (M. Benson 155 not out, At Worcester: Worcestershire

481 in 170.5 overs (P. Ncale 122, R. Illingworth 117). Nottinghamshire 110 for nine in 46 overs. At Cambridge: Middlesex 320 for four declared and i 12 for four (P. Farbrace 52 not out). Cam-

hridge University 162 (S. James 54; J. Emburey four for 33).
At Oxford: Hampshire 437 for four declared. Oxford University 225 for (R. Morris 61, G. Turner 59).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 202 in 81.4 overs and 50 (I. Bishop four for 25, D. Malcolm three for 25). Derbyshire 303 in 98,3 overs (K. Barnett 58, A. Brown 44, B. Roberts 44; D. Capel four for 83). Derhyshire 23 points, Northamptonshire six



Jubilant Pakistanis

A jubilant Pakistani team crowds Waqar Younus (centre) after he trapped the Australian skipper Allan Border to turn the match in Pakistan's favour. Pakistan won the Australasia Cup after their 36-run victory over Australia on Friday. (Reuter

'Auld Mug' returns to San Diego

SAN DIEGO, California, May 5, (Reuter): Half a dozen television crews and 200 wellwishers gathered at San Diego airport yesterday to catch a glimpse of the America's Cup—the 'Auld Mug' —being wheeled off a flight from New York City.

The Cup was flown back after several months in a New York bank vault pending the outcome of New Zealand's final appeal against the result of the last America's Cup race.

At a press conference in the airport lounge, messages of con-gratulations were read from San Diego's Mayor Maureen O'Con-nor and from President George

San Diego Yacht Club official Grise Malin Burnham told the crowd he wanted to put the past hehind him and start playing catch-up with the rest of the yachting world in preparing for the next America's Cup, now slated for San Diego in 1992.

Against a background of a giant American flag and standing next to the coveted Cup, organis-ing committee official Brian Bilbray said the best sportsmen had ultimately won.

"This is a recognition that not only does San Diego do it better than everybody else, we do it fairly. There's one thing in this lawsuit which drove me crazy as a San Diego sailor and that is somebody saying we didn't doing it fairly. The rules were the rules and we won it fairly... that makes

me proud," Bilbray said.
The next Cup series, scheduled for May 1992, could have as many as 21 eballengers from nine nations, according to organisat-ing committee chief Tom Ehman.

The last controversial ehapter in America's Cup racing began when New Zealand's Michael Fay stunned the yachung world after San Diego won back the Cup from Australia in 1987 by issuing a challenge with a 132-foot sloop — the biggest boat possible under the 'Deed of gift' governing the

San Diego at first refused, but when the enurts ruled the challenge valid it countered by defending in the catamaran Stars and Stripes skippered hy Dennis Conner. The catamaran easily won the 1988 best-of-three series

Fay cried foul, charging that San Diego had cheated by sailing a catamaran which skims over the water and is by nature faster than

Chinese to restrict travel to Beijing

BEIJING, May 5, (UP1): The government will restrict travel to Beijing hy Chinese from other parts of the country during the September Asian Games, targeting large numbers of transient labourers and job-seekers, a state-run newspaper reported.

The newspaper, which gave only a few details, supported recent unofficial reports that the government would actually begin this summer to curtail movement of peasants and other transients to Beijing before the capital hosts the Asian Games.

"During the Asians Games, Beijing will place some limitations on those from other places coming to Beijing," the newspaper China Sports reported in a column, purportedly responding to an inquiry from a readers.

The newspaper said the measures had been approved by the State Council, China's cahinet.

The Games, Pan-Asian athletic competition, are held every four years between Olympics, with this year's scheduled from Sept 22 to Oct . Chinese officials see a successful hosting as key to their ambition to hid for the Olymics in the year 2000.

With \$500 million and precious national prestige invested in China's first major international sports event, officials apparently hope to reduce Beijing's so called 'floating population,' of peddlers, transient workers and the unemployed.

China sports said the city would "take some limited measures," involving transients and reduce the number of government and husiness meetings to be held during the period. The newspaper said the number of transients had reached 1.2 million

in the city, whose official population is about 10 million. Ironically, the number included many of the 30,000 construction workers huilding stadiums and other Games sites.

This is not a small burden to Beijing, and also brings about pressures in public order," the newspaper said, reflecting official fears about the potential for unrest among large numbers of urhan jobless.

'Dope test procedure foolproof'

BRUSSELS, May 5, (Reuter): Players at next month's World Cup finals are being warned that the dope test procedure is foolproof, Fifa's medical chief said yesierday.

"We can say the doping procedure is waterprant, or rather urine-proof," said Belgian Michal D'Hooghe, president of the Fifa medical commission.

Asked if he was privately hnping to catch a prominent victim similar to the Ben Johnson case at the Seoul Olympics — in his dnping net, D'Hooghe replied: "On the contrary.

"I'm nnt nut, like a policeman, tn catch someone driving through a red light. I hope everybody will stop before the red light, "he said. Fnr me a positive test is a defeat," added D'Hooghe, who was elected head nf Fifa's medical

commission in 1988. He said two players fram every team would be tested after first round matches, increased to three

during later rounds. But he added that the referee nr Fifa nbserver could always force other players, whose attitude on

the pitch appeared suspicinus, to "In theory, the whole team could be tested," D'Hooghe said. The names of players drawn for the test will be put in a sealed envelope during the interval and opened 10 minutes before the end nf the maich, D'Hnnghe

"So they could have the tests immediately after the match, without going to the dressing room first," he said.

explained.

He said the testing procedure would be carried nut hy twn tialian ductors, with a Fifa observer in attendance. A third doctor will handle transport of the samples in a laboratory in Rnme, where they will he analysed hy Italian professors, again in the presence of a doctor appointed by Fifa.

If found positive, the player or the team leader can demand a second test within 24 hours.

If the second test is also positive, the case will be passed on to Fifa's disciplinary commission, which is expected to exclude the player, D'Hooghe said.

He said it was also possible the disciplinary commission would investigate the role of the team's doctor, coach or other officials. "But that could take weeks," he

Lamontagne leads after first round

IRVING, Texas, May 5, (Reuter): Steve Lamontague, playing in his first year on the PGA Tour, shot a four-underpar 66 yesterday to take a onestroke lead after the opening round of the rain-shortened Byron Nelson Golf Classic.

Lamontage, 24, had five bir-lies and one bogey on the TPCour seasons course on the outlead over Payne Stewart and nament in a playoff last year to lodie Mudd.

Bill Britton, Tom Sieckmann and Mark Hye were tied at 68. Mark Calcavecchia, Jim Benepe, Andrew Magee, Phil Blackmar and D.A. Weihring were the only others to break par with 69.

It was a cool, windy day on a course made more difficult because of wet conditions. A two-day storm dropped more than eight inches (20 cm) on the 16,850-yard layout and forced the tournament to be shortened to 54 holes from 72.

Fired Lamontagne's best finish this season was a tie for 12th in the Hawaiian Open where he fired a third-round 65.

Patti Rizzo held a two-shot lead in a rain-suspended first round of the \$425,000-LPGA golf tournament yesterday in Nashville, Tennessee.

Lightning and thunderstorms caused a three-hour delay and play was called because of darkness with 76 players left on the course. They were to complete their first round today.

Rizzo was safely in the clnbhouse after a five-under-par round of 67. The Tour veteran played 17 holes before the suspension and then returned to the course three hours later to birdie her final hole and go to five

fender Robert Warzycha in the corner.

Czechs name Cup squad

PRAGUE, May 5, (Reuter): Czechoslovak soccer manager Jozef Venglos stuck hy defectors Ivo Knoflicek and Lubos Kubik despite the objections of other team members when he named his World Cup

squad yesterday. Midfielder Kubik and striker Knoflicek returned to the side for the friendly against England which the Czechslovaks lost 4-2 last month.

The move provoked protests from other-Czecholovak players who said the pair had not gone through the usual qualification procedures and that their defections two years ago had weakened the national side. ational side: "The But Venglos and his co-trainer Vaclav Jezek said

they were confident that Knoflicek, who now plays for Italy's Fiorentina, and Kubik, with West Germany's St Pauli, would be a great boost to the team. Venglos will also be relying on the experience

gained ahroad by his star midfielder Jozef Chovanec, who has played for PSV Eindhoven for the past two seasons, number one goalkeeper Ludek

Miklosko, with England's West Ham and striker Stanislav Griga from Feyenoord Rotterdam. The only new caps in the squad are third goalk-

eeper Petr Palueh and midfielder Jiri Nemec. Venglos said he hoped any transfers to foreign clubs would soon be settled to allow his players to give their full attention to the World Cup.

"I announced the nomination now so that all the players could fully concentrate on completing the present season," Venglos added. Several of the players named including Kno-

flicok, are nursing injuries but Vengles has until May 29 to change the line-up if necessary. Midfielder Viliam Hyravý has an ankle injury and will have his foot in plaster for another 10 days and

After the last round of the League championship next week the World Cup players will have a brief holiday before leaving for West Germany on May 19 where they will play the national side a friendly on

Fiorentina stadium ban to remain, says Uefa

ZURICH, May 5, (Reuter): Fiorentina's appeal against their home ban was rejected yesterday so they must play the return leg of the Uefa Cup final against Juventus 300 kms from their nwn

Uefa banned the Italian side from using their Florence ground and imposed the distance restric tinn for the match after crowd trouble in the semifinal against Werder Bremen on April 17.

The Uefa appeals board said after the hearing that the sanctions would have been more severe had the match been played m Fiorentina's own stadium under reconstruction for next month's World Cup finals - and not in nearby Perugia.
Finrentina, beaten 3-1 hy

Juventus in the first leg of the final nn Wednesday, musi infirm Uefa hy midnight tomorrow where they intend in play the second leg on May 16.

Fiorentina were nrdered to pay costs of the appeal totalling 15,500 Swiss francs (\$9,300).

Four players of Fiorentina may be fined or disqualified for threatening in use rough tactics against Juventus when the two meet in their second-leg match, an Italian League official said

yesterday. Brazilian midfielder Carlos Dunga and his ttalian teammates Marco Nappi, Cleleste Pin and Giuseppe Volpecina strongly criticized Juventus players inliowing Wednesday's first leg.
The match was marred by

rough play on both sides.
After the game, several Fiorentina players threatened to take

revenge in the second-leg.
"In the second-leg match they
(Juventus players) will not leave
the field on their feet," Volpecina
was quoted as saying. "Now it's real war between Fiorentina and Juventus, you will see it in the return match," Dunga

reportedly said. Italy's soccer judge, Vito Giampietro, said he will decide on penalties prior in the second-

Man planned to shoot at crowd

LOUISVILLE, Kenucky, May 5, (AP): Police said no changes in security were planned for today's Kentucky Derby after the jailing of Lnuisville man who reportedly threatened to open fire on the crowd

A complaint filed in US District Court yesterday charged Richard Keller, 32, with possession of ammunition by a felon.

"The man has indicated an intention to kill people and we did find military rounds in his possession and his home, and we had been told he had an AK-47 as of yesterday," assis-tant US attorney Cleve Gambill said. Gambill said authorities had been inable to find the reported assault

A federal judge revoked Keller's bond Thursday. He has been free while awaiting sentencing far a federal civil rights charges of burning a cross in front of a black family's home in January. Keller pleaded will to the charge in March guilty to that charge in March.

rifle, but were stil searching.

Churchill Downs officials said the track's security department had been informed of the situation but refused to comment on security plans.





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Colombia outlast Poland in friendly CHICAGO, May 5, (Reuter): Colombia overcame adverse conditions to defeat Poland 2-1 yesterday and advance to tomorrow's final of a friendly Adjusting to wet and chilly conditions, Colombia used a pair of first-half goals to beat the Poles and reach the final against Atlas de Mexico, 2-0 inners over Costa Rica. Colombia coach Francisco Maturana said it was not a good test far his ream. It was too slippery far nur game and it was too cold." Carlos Estrada scored the first goal of the match at 10:36 when he headed in a perfect crossing pass from Freddy Rincon after Rincon slipped from Polish

goal and chipped it over goalkeeper Jozef Wandzik.

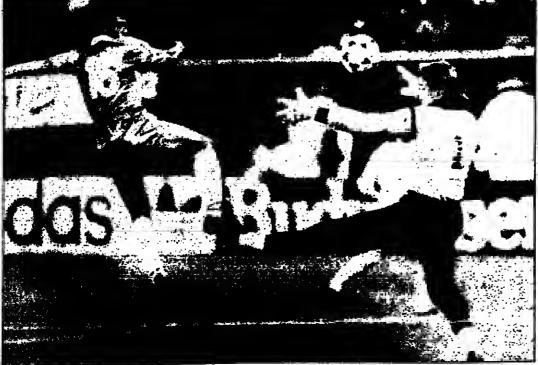
Poland pulled to within one at 35:42 when midfielder Roman Kosecki's bullet shot deflected in off Rene 'El Loco' Higuita, Colombia's flamboyant Stopped Kosecki had two excellent opportunities to equalise in the second half but Higuita stopped one and his left post stopped the other. "The Colombians played a very good technical game," said Polish coach Andrej Streljau. "After 20 minutes we started to play and we were

Six minutes later, Arnoldo Iguaran took an Estrada pass in front of the

the better team at the end. They played a good technical game, not like the physical game we play in Europe. We should have ned it 2-2 in the Atlas de Mexico, of Guadalajara, dominated the Costa Ricans with both goals coming in the first half off dead ball plays.

Daniel Pighin took a touch pass from Rene Isidoro Garcia and

blasted into the upper right corner at 27:50. At 33:18, Garcia assisted on another goal, floating a long free kick across the goal, confusing Costa Rica goalkeeper Gabelo Conejo as Gustavo Salgado tapped it in from six feet. The cold weather and rain held the attendance to 2,912.



Iguaran (left) chips the ball over Wandzik. (Reuter wirephoto)



SPORTS BRIEFS

MADRID. Spain, May 5, (UPI): Second-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador took just one hour 20 min-

ules today to defeat Argentina's

Toronto Kansas City California

Boston

Texas at Cleveland postponed - rain. Minnesota at Milwaukee postponed

National League
Montreal 5 San Francisco 4
Philadelphia 8 Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati 8 St Lous 3
San Diego at Chicago Cubs postponed —

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(Best-of-five series tied 2-2)

ROME, May 5, 1Reuter): Italian

World Cup supremo Luca di Mon-

rezemolo said roday il would be impossible to segregate rival fans throughout the World Soccer Cup

ZURICH, Switzerland, May 5,

IAP): The Union of European Foot-

ball Associations today rejected an

appeal by the Spanish soccer federa-tion against a 1.5-million Swissfrancs

[\$1-million] fine imposed for viola-

tions of rules on television coverage.

UDINE. Italy. May 5, (Reuter): Carlos Aguilera, the Uruguayan for-

ward accused of involvement in a vice

national soccer squad preparing for the World Cup finals starting in Italy

Women's volleyball

PUERTO DE SANTA MARIA, Spain

May 5. (Reuter): Results on the first day of the Women's World Volleyball Cham-

IMOLA, Italy, May 5, 1Reuter1:

Ayrton Senna set the standard for

next weekend's San Marino Grand Prix with a track-best lap of one min-ute 23.81 seconds at Imola today.

W. German soccer

BONN, May 5, [Reuter]: West Ger-

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Gomez wins

Sheikh Fahd elected Fifa vice-president

THE president of the Kuwait Football Association (KFA) Sheikh Fand Al Ahmed yesterday secured an historic victor, over his arch-rival on the Asian football arena, Datu Hamzeh, when he was elected vice-president of the International Foothall Federation, Fifa.

Sheikh Fahd defeated Datu Hamzeh 16-15 in one of the mostly bothy contested elections in the history of Asian football.

According to a press release issued by KFA yesterday, although two countries supporting Sheikb Fahd were barred from a voting by the was described by the local press yesterday as "a miracle." The headlines of all sports pages of the Arabic dailies on Saturday read "Sheikh Fand peeds a miracle to win."

According to press reports, Datu Hamzeh met Sheikh Fahd on Friday in Indonesia, where the elections were held, and advised him to withdraw his nomination for the vicepresident's post in order "to avoid risking his world-wide reputation as an important international sports leader." Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, however refused to heed his advice. stressing that he firmly believed in democracy and in its outcome whether in his favour or against him.

Fifa officials including the president, Joso Havelange and secretary-general Sepp Blatter, who nttended the Asian Football Federation congress, openly supported Datu Hamzeh. The Kuwaiti delegation, beaded by Sheikh Fahd, raised a number of legal issues protesting that Datu Hamzeh should not contest for the vicepresident's post because he was not a member of

his country's, Malaysia, football federation. Fifa secretary, Blatter, issued a raling in Indonesia claiming that Hamzeh was an hon-orary president of the Malaysian Football Federation, which the federation officially den-

ied the next day.

Despite this, the Fifa officials raised no objection at Hamzeh's nomination. But Hamzeh was certain to remain president of the Asian federation as his only rival, also a Malaysian, was ordered to withdraw by the Malaysian prime minister just one day before the election.

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Play-offs - Stockport, Maidstone, Cam-

Relegated to Vauxhall Conference

League — Colchester
Promoted from Vauxhall Conference
League — Darlington
Scottish Premier Division

Scottish Division Two

Four-match series

SYDNEY, Australia, May 5, (AP):

Australia is negotiating to play a four-match cricket series against Pakistan in the United States later this month,

officials said today.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB)

chief executive David Richards will

meet with organisers in New York and

Los Angeles over the weekend to dis-

cuss the proposal, said ACB general manager Graham Halhish,

Halbish said Australia had been

invited to replace India in the series of matches following India's withdrawal after political tensions between it and

Blackpool, Walsali English Division Four

Champions — Rangers Runners-up — Aberdeen Relegated — Dundee Scottish Division One

Champions — Brechin Runners-up — Kilmarnock

Champions — Exeter Runners-up — Grimsby

Moses quit TAC board due to lack of support RALEIGH, North Carolina,

May 5, (Reuter): Edwin Moses, the 400 metres burdles world record holder and a leading fighter against performance-enhancing drugs, said yesterday be had quit the Alhletics Congress (TAC) drug-testing programme because of lack of support.

"We have been stymied too many times," said Moses, one of four people associated with the congress' year-round testing programme who submitted their resignations this week.

'We haven't been getting the support we should. It has become very difficult to deal with TAC. Moses said in a telephone news conference.

He accused administrators at TAC, US athletics' governing body, of obstructive methods in dealing with the year-round drug-testing committee, which be had chaired. Moses said he had made TAC

executive director Ollan Cassell aware of his feelings earlier this week hut that Cassell's response was 'nothing significant'
Cassell could not be reached

for comment and TAC president Frank Greenberg declined to discuss the resignation of Moses.



Glance and middle distance n ner Linda Sheskey from TA drug-testing custodial board.

Washington attorney Don Lambelet, who has served as a legal adviser to Moses on drugtesting issues, also said during the news conference she had disassociated herself with TAC's testing programme.

"Hopefully they (TAC officials) will be shocked into

PBAK entries open

the Philippine Bowling Associa-tion in Kuwait (PBAK) finally pushed through with the raded B tournament at the Holiday Inn bowling alleys.

The tourney which started last Friday is open to all PBAK members whose average score falls with the 150-170 bracket. The elimination round will go on until Tuesday, May 8. The game starts at 6:00pm and for further details and scheduling contact Danny Nabong, Mars Balisi or Beda Borja.

Schedules can also he obtained at the bowling alley counter. The step-ladder finals for this event will be held on Friday, May 11 and winners of this tournament will get trophies

plus cash prizes.

Meanwhile, the registration for the all Filipino Summer League is now going on and will last until May 15. Interested par-

bowling lanes counter. This event which is set to commence on May 25 is being held in the absence of the annual Filipino Mini Olympics, This will be a team event open to all Filipino bowlers who are bonafide members of PBAK. The mens division will be a five man team? affair while the ladies division will be a four woman team compeution. Venue of the games will most likely be the Holiday Inn bowling lanes.

also available at the Holiday Inn

And finally, in view of the fortheoming Philippine Indepen-dence Day celebrations all Filipino expatriates in Kuwait are invited to a pre-Independence Day gathering to be held on June 8 at the Messilah Beach. This affair is being held under the auspices of the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait and for more details contact any of the officers of the different Filipino

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Liverpool end season in style

Luton survive drop to 2nd Division

Luton edged Derhy 3-2 to survive the drop to the Second Division at the



LONDON, May 5, (UPI): Champion Liverpool ended the English League soccer season in champagne style today with a 6-1 victory over

Covenity.
Striker John Barnes sounded a warning to England's World Cup rivals with a hat-trick and Israeli international Ronny Rosenthall scored two goals to boost his total to seven in eight matches.

All this came after Coventry's Kevin Gallacher had given the home team a second minute lead. But international lan Rush equalized 14 minutes later with his 26th goal of the season allowing Barnes and Rosenthal to run riot.

The victory gave Liverpool a 38-match haul of 79 points, seven clear of second-placed Aston Villa, who shared a six-goal thriller at Everton where the match ended in a 3-3 draw. Neil Pointon, Mike Newell and Kevin Sheedy nened for the home side, with Tony Cascarino, Gordon Cowans and Tony Daley replying for

Tottenham clinched third place on 63 points, thanks to a 2-1 victory against Soutbampton, Paul Stewart and Paul Allen gave the Londonersa 2-0 interval lead and Andy Cook replied for the Saints with a header

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Rangers Dundee

Hamilton Clydebank

York

ENGLISH and Scottish League soccer

Poor crowds at Sharjah tourney Bangladesh also did not make it to

United Emirates, May 5 (AP): The sixnation Australasia Cup tour-nament at the lush Sharjah stadium, the cricket oasis of the desert, drew poor crowds and organisers are taking a long, hard look at future plans, officials reported today.

The Cricketer's Benefit Fund Series, which organised the lournament that ended yesterday, lost an estimated hundreds of thousands of dollars because of poor attendance at the Shariah stadium. the only internationalclass cricket stadium in the Middle

But informed sources said the fund series, which has reaped

SYDNEY, Australia, May 5, (AP): Defending champion the Netherlands blitzed New Zealand 3-0 today to maintain its

unbeaten record after three mat-

ches in the women's World Cup

field hockey championship at the

The Netberlands now has six

points to lead Pool B of the 12-

nation lournament, which con-

Scoul Olympic silver medallist South Korea defeated previously unbeaten Canada 1-0 to take

second-place in the drop with a 2-

State Sports Centre.

linues through May 13.

undisclosed but healthy returns from recent cricket contests, is not likely to stop the bi-annual Australasia Cup tournament. Abdul-Rahman Bukhtair, vice-

president of the fund series and the driving force behind international cricket matches in the Gulf, has invested millions of dollars in the game over the last decade. He is already preparing for his

next tournament, the Sharjah Cup scheduled for the end of the year. the sources said. The smallest crowds at the Australasia Cup tournament, some as

Netherlands thrash New Zealand

I record. Spain scored its first

triumph with a 3-1 win over the

is locked in a battle with West Germany and England at the-head of Pool A, was inactive

All Pool A teams will play their third matches tomorrow with

England meeting China, Australia facing West Germany and

Argentina facing Japan.
Helen van der Ven scored
twice for the third-seeded Dutch

team, which took a 2-0 lead early

Top-seeded Australia, which

winless United Stales.

small as 4,000, were for the matches involving Australia, New Zealand and Bangladesh. On the two Fridays, the Muslim

Sanchez stuns Navratilova

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 5, (AP): Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario

of Spain beat Martina Navrattlova for the first time in her career today and advanced to the final of the \$350,000 Citizen Cup women's tennis

Sanchez-Vicario, ranked fourth in the world and the No. 3 seed, wore

down Navratilova with steady baseline play to win a 6-1, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2.

The 18-year-old French Open champ had tost to the second-seeded

Navratilova six times, but won a slow red clay court, her favourite

"I concentrated very well throughout the match."
"Martina is a champion, she is always tough to play," she added.

"I played very well today and I am very happy." Sanchez-Vicario said.

holidays, mat games were played the crowds only totalled 17,000. The poor attendance at the nine matches played over 10 days was blamed on relatively expensive uckets, India's early defeat and the

hot, bumid weather.

Matches played by Pakistan and India usually generate the most interest and the best gate receipts. Indians and Pakistanis are the largest expatriate groups in the oil-

nch United Arah Emirates. The first few matches also coincided with the three-day Muslim feast marking the end of the Ramadan fasting month when people were either travelling or spending time with families.

in the match and was always in

control against New Zealand.

sweeper Lisamme Lejeune.

The other goal came from

The Netherlands carned seven

penalty corners to New Zealand's one and kept a tight

grip on New Zealand standout

Tina Bell, who had helped lift ber

team to a surprise victory over

The Koreans bounced back

from that loss to beat the Can-

adians with a 25th minute pen-

alty stroke from Eun Jung Jang.

Players fined

NEW YORK, May 5, (Reuler):

Bucks and Chicago Bulls were fined a total of \$19,000 for their roles in a

hrawlduring Chicago's series-clinch-

ing victory in the playoffs on Thurs-day, the National Baskethall

Horace Grant of the Bulls and Mil-

waukee's Alvin Robertson were each

fined \$5,000 for throwing punches

during the fourth-quarter incident. Greg 'Cadillac,' Anderson of the Bucks was fined \$3,500.

Association announced yesterday.

South Korea on Thursday.

Sri Lanka, New Zealand and

the finals, played yesterday bet-ween Pakistan and World Cup holders Australia. Pakistan won and retained the Australiasia Cup title for the second time.

The tournament involved \$100,000 in prize money, plus \$35,000 each to Alian Border of Australia, Salim Malik and Imtiaz Ahmed of Pakistan, Duleep Mendis of Sri Lanka, Madan Lal and Ghulam Ahmed of India.

The fund series also paid guarantee money of around \$80,000 to the main teams. Sanyo, the Japanese electronics giant which was the main sponsor.

reportedly pumped in \$250,000. Falah opts out

of local event

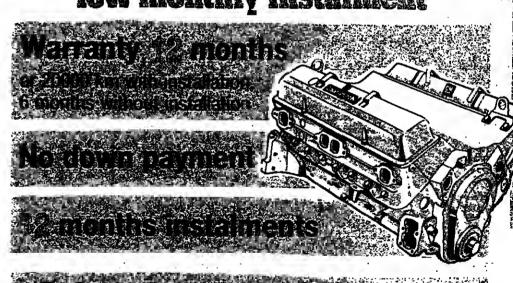
FOR the first time for many years, no Marlboro car competed in Friday's local rally, which saw veteran driver Tareq Al Alyan coming home to the first outright win of his career, Alyan, who was the first ever Marlboro Desert Challenge Champion, back in 1987, was partnered by Sadeq Ashk-anani, and drove a modified Range Rover, the most powerful car he has ever competed in Second place was captured by British expatriate team Lester Featherstonehaugh and

Edgar Speak in a Lada. Reigning Kuwait Champion Eid Falah Al Farzan, who has competed this season in a Marlboro Mitsuhishi Pajero explained his decision to opt out of this event. "Basically it was to give someone else a chance to come home first. I've been unbeaten since January 1989, and since the beginning of 1988 almost every event was taken either by me or by my Marboro colleague Tareq Al Wazzan. Perhaps it gets a little boring for the

fans."
"I discussed it with Marlboro, and we decided not to compete - as a sporting gesture aimed at putting a little interest back into the championship. I'm delighted to see Tareq winning — he's been competing for years, and this is bis first victory."

neighbouring Pakistan. The proposed schedule includes two matches in New York on May 12 ties can contact any officer of PBAK. Application forms are and 13, one in Houston on May 19 and one in Los Angeles on May 26. **Parts & Quick Service Centers**

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Agassi, Gilbert score contrasting wins While the slow clay blunted Wheaton's powerful



ROSWELL. Georgia, May 5, (UPI): Americans Andre Agassi, Brad Gilbert and Scott Davis registered straight-set victories yesterday, advancing to the semifinals of the \$280.000 AT-and-T Challenge.

Agassi used a combination of powerful groundstrokes and delicate drop shots to crush David Wheaton 6-4. 6-2. Gilbert look advantage of a mental lapse by Richey Reneberg to win 7-6 (9-7), 6-4. while Davis ousted Tim Mayotte 6-2, 6-3 in the exhibition tournament.

Agassi used his penetrating groundstrokes to move Wheaton from side-to-side on the clay courts. The No. I ranked American repeatedly blasted winners into an open court after surprising Wheaton with deft drop shots.

'On clay you can get away with drop shots a lot more, said Agassi, who punctuated the match with a high-velocity forehand that left Wheaton flatfooted on the baseline.

"It's an effective shot, especially when you play with so much power and keep the guy deep," he said. "Throwing in a drop shot really keeps him guess-

serve-and-volley attack, the 20-year-old Minnesota native said Agassi's tactics caused him the most problems. "He plays the most unorthodox, low-percentage.

shots in the game, but he makes them," said Wheaton, who is ranked No. 46 on the IBM ATP Gilbert and Reneberg engaged in a 1 hour, 38

minute baseline duel that was more notable for the frequency of unforced errors than sparkling play.

"I played a couple of lackadasical games right off the bat," said Gilbert, the world's fifth-ranked player. "He played a loose game late in the set and let me back in it. I had three-set points, but I didn't capitalize and was fortunate to win a long tiebreaker. It was a struggle."

Davis overwhelmed Mayotte with a clever mix of

penetrating groundstrokes and drop volleys. Mayotte never found the right rytbym with his powerful serve, dropping his delivery twice in the opening set and in the critical eighth game of the

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